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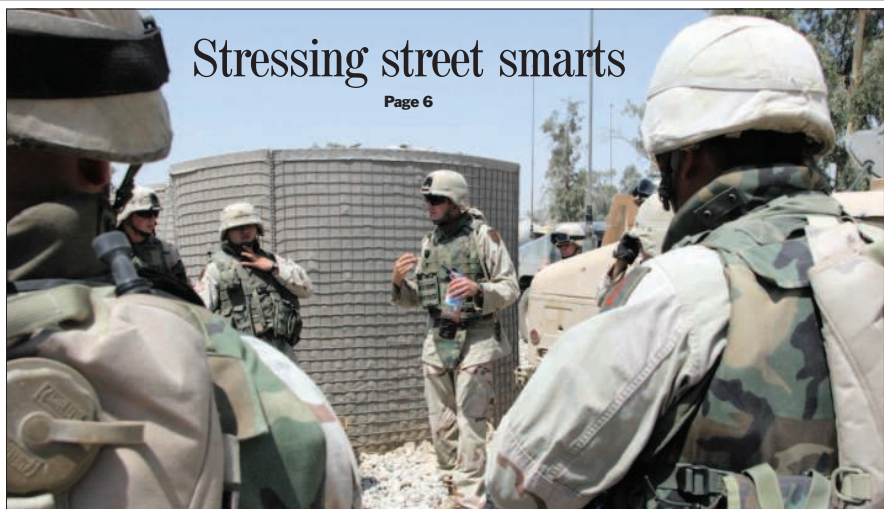
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Sgt. Michael Davis, center, gives a safety briefing Saturday to soldiers from Company C, 82nd Engineer Battalion, out of Bamberg, Germany, at Forward Operating Base Gab, Iraq. The soldiers, from the 3rd and 4th platoons, were about to patrol "Blue Babe Highway" in search of roadside bombs.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

### States

**California wildfires:** Firefighters on Sunday battled to contain several wildfires that blackened thousands of acres and forced scores of people to evacuate their California homes.

A new fire moved rapidly through thick brush in Riverside County, charring 350 acres and triggering evacuations as it threatened an unknown number of houses in the tiny desert community of Anza, about 110 miles southeast of Los Angeles. About 300 firefighters and nine aircraft battled the blaze in heat that reached 112 degrees. It was 75 percent contained Sunday night.

Nearly 700 firefighters converged on another blaze in the Angeles National Forest that had burned 1,330 acres near the Los Angeles suburb of Castaic and destroyed two outbuildings. The firefighters faced temperatures of nearly 100 degrees. The fire, reported Saturday afternoon, was fully contained late Sunday.

**Church abuse scandal:** The sexual abuse crisis in the Roman Catholic Church has focused primarily on molestation by priests, but in Louisville, Ky., two dozen people are now suing an order of nuns that staffed an orphanage decades ago.

The initial Kentucky lawsuit against the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth was brought by seven plaintiffs on July 15, just over a year after 243 people reached a \$25.7 million abuse settlement with the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Some plaintiffs have accused the Rev. Herman J. Lammers of molesting or raping them. He served as the resident chaplain at St. Thomas-St. Vincent Orphanage, which the sisters ran from 1952 until it closed in 1983. Lammers died in 1986. But there are also allegations against about a dozen nuns.

Almost all the plaintiffs, ages 38 to 72, are women who claim the sisters molested and beat them while they lived at the orphanage. "As women, they should want to protect children," said 30-year-old Linda Maurilio-Vernon of Hamden, Connecticut, who has an unrelated lawsuit pending against a nun and the Catholic school she attended in New England.

### World

**1986 Berlin disco bombing:** Libyan envoys opened a new round of talks Monday with German lawyers on compensation claims over a 1986 Berlin disco bombing that killed three people and injured 229 others, one of the lawyers said.

The April 5, 1986, blast at the La Belle disco, a hangout for U.S. soldiers in then-West Berlin, killed two American servicemen and a Turkish woman.

A Berlin court ruled in 2001 that the bombing was organized by the Libyan secret service and aided by the Libyan Embassy in then-communist East Berlin. It convicted four people of carrying out the bombing, and a federal court upheld their sentences last month.

**Hunger in Zimbabwe:** At least 125 people have died of malnutrition in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, since March, despite President Robert Mugabe's assurances that the country



**Flood dangers:** A child walks over a bamboo bridge in a flood-affected relief center in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Sunday. Floodwaters receded from most parts of Bangladesh on Saturday, but a major Indian dam was dangerously overflowing and 41 more deaths were reported across South Asia, taking the region's monsoon season death toll to 1,972.

has a food surplus, a newspaper reported.

Bulawayo City Health Department officials reported in a local paper that 29 people died in July, 12 in June, 21 in May, and 63 in March. Bulawayo is run by the opposition Movement for Democratic Change party.

Roman Catholic Archbishop Pius Ncube of Bulawayo said in London last month that Mugabe was "planning to starve people into submission," to win at the polls, he said in London last month.

**Bosnian mass grave:** Forensic experts said Monday they found a mass grave in the waste dump of a coal mine in eastern Bosnia, which they suspect may contain the bodies of about 350 Muslims who disappeared from a Bosnian Serb detention center during the Bosnian war.

Acting on a tip from an unidentified witness, the experts conducted a probe of the soil that revealed human remains. According to the head of the team, Amor Masovic, who spoke on Bosnian radio, the experts believe the remains could be those of Muslims who were held in a former jail in the town of Foca about 45 miles southeast of Sarajevo that was turned into a detention center by Bosnian Serbs.

**Indonesian elections:** An Indonesian court refused on Monday to alter the results of the country's historic presidential election, dismissing a complaint from third-place finisher Wiranto that the vote was marred.

Wiranto, a former security minister who has been accused of war crimes, alleged that widespread fraud and irregularities cost him a spot in the Sept. 20 run-off election between the two top vote-getters. He finished third behind retired general Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and President Megawati Sukarnoputri.

**NATO Afghan mission:** Europe's five-nation defense force took on its biggest challenge to date on Monday when its French commander took control of NATO's expand-

ing mission to bring stability to Afghanistan.

At a ceremony in the Afghan capital, Euro-cops commander Lt. Gen. Jean-Louis Piv took control of the alliance's international force for a six-month period to include Afghanistan's first post-Taliban election.

Made up of forces from Germany, France, Spain, Belgium and Luxembourg, the European force relieves Canada from its turn at the head of the 6,500-strong troops drawn from NATO members and beyond.

**Kosovo shooting rules:** NATO-led peacekeepers have introduced new measures around Kosovo's minority areas, including shooting at would-be assailants, to improve security for residents, an alliance spokesman said Monday.

Nineteen people were killed and more than 900 injured in anti-Serb rioting in March in this U.N. administered province, where ethnic Albanians are the majority.

NATO's new system, first unveiled in the southwest of the Serbian province controlled by German peacekeepers, includes setting up signs around the minority areas in Kosovo, warning potential assailants that they are entering "a protected area," Pieper said.

**Japan's war support:** Two Japanese destroyers and a supply vessel left Monday for the Indian Ocean, where they will assist the U.S.-led anti-terror campaign in Afghanistan.

The three ships were to help with noncombat logistics and ferry supplies and fuel for coalition forces trying to restore order in Afghanistan and hunt down militant leaders, including al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden, said Maritime Self-Defense Forces spokesman Kazuo Yamada.

Tokyo's ability to back its chief ally, however, is limited to noncombat missions by its post-World War II pacifist constitution.

Japan also sent troops to southern Iraq to provide humanitarian support to help rebuild the country.

Stories and photo from The Associated Press

## Messages of Support

★ To Whom ever reads this, I obtained a copy of the Stars and Stripes from a co-worker who had just gotten back from a job in Iraq. I haven't read your paper since I was stationed in Turkey back in '87. I see it is still a thoroughly enjoyable paper to read.

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women are serving in the world's greatest military machine.

Keep up the good work and leave behind the sense that Americans are, as the Marines say "No Greater Friend, No Greater Enemy!"

God Bless You All! Stewart W. Greensboro, N.C. (Air Force)

# Gitmo detainee says he joined Taliban to support his family

BY STEVENSON JACOBS

The Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — In one of the longest and most detailed testimonies before tribunal members evaluating the status of some 585 terror suspects, a prisoner on Guantánamo admitted to being a Taliban bodyguard but said he only did it to feed his family.

Conspicuously with his shackled right hand, the 37-year-old Afghan pleaded with tribunal members for about an hour before members closed the session to review classified material. The tribunals are meant to decide whether detainees should be released or remain held as "enemy combatants," a classification that gives them fewer legal protections.

All of the detainees being held at the U.S. prison camp in Guantánamo are accused of links to Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or the al-Qaida terror network. "I joined the Taliban to make a living for my family," the slight, bearded man said in a prepared statement and read through a Sights interpreter. "I was just a small soldier. I wasn't a big leader in the Taliban."

But the U.S. military says the man — held in Guantanamo Bay for more than 2 1/2 years — not only fought for the Taliban in the front lines, but also served around 2000 as an acting Taliban governor in the northern Afghan

city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

The man denied that, telling the three-member panel that he and other guards mediated some community disputes for about eight months when the governor was away visiting his family.

"We were there for eight or nine months, but we weren't actually in charge," said the man, dressed in orange prison garb and with his feet shackled and chained to the floor.

He said he served as a bodyguard for two different Taliban governors and a senior Taliban official beginning in the late 1990s as a wage earner for his family. He said was issued a Kalashnikov rifle but never fired it in battle.

It was the 13th hearing to be heard since the military convened the Combatant Status Review Tribunals on July 30. So far, six men — three Yemenis, one Saudi, one Moroccan and one Iranian — have refused to appear.

The military, which prohibits the media from releasing the names of the detainees, has given no reason for their absence, other than to say they have been generally uncooperative.

The hearings are the first formal chance for detainees to plead their cases since they began arriving at the U.S. base in January 2002.

On Saturday, a Tunisian detainee testified that he was held while in captivity in Afghanistan before being brought to the prison camp.



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A Marine from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit participates in the fight against insurgents loyal to Muqtada al-Sadr on Thursday in the holy Shiite city of Najaf. The photo was made available on Monday.

## Amid Najaf clashes, al-Sadr vows to fight to the death

BY ABDUL HUSEIN AL-OBEDI

The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — A radical Shiite cleric vowed to fight to the death as his loyalists battled U.S. troops for a fifth straight day Monday, and bombings in Sunni regions outside Baghdad — including a failed attempt to assassinate a deputy governor — killed at least 10 Iraqis.

The fighting with Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia began to have economic fallout. Iraq's southern oil company stopped pumping oil to the southern city of Basra — where militiamen were controlling main streets — because of threats to infrastructure, an official with the company said.

About 1.8 million barrels per day, or 90 percent of Iraq's exports, move through Basra. Iraq's other outlet from the north to Turkey has been out of operation since early June, so a stoppage from Basra threatens to completely shut down the flow of Iraq's main money earner.

Explosions and gunfire were heard throughout the holy Shiite city of Najaf, south of the capital, the main scene of fighting between U.S. troops and the militiamen. As U.S. helicopters hovered overhead, troops tried to drive militiamen from a vast cemetery they have used as a base, and a U.S. tank rolled within 400 yards of Najaf's holiest site, the Imam Ali Shrine.

Najaf's governor, Adnan Zulfari, gave U.S. forces permission to enter the shrine compound, which is in the militia's control, a senior U.S. military official said.

Seven militants were killed in Najaf since Sunday evening, an al-Sadr official said. The U.S. official estimated that 360 insurgents died in Najaf in the first four days of the battle, although al-Sadr's militia insists the toll has been far lower.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 922 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 685 died as a result of hostile action and 237 died of nonhostile causes. The department did not provide an update over the weekend.

The British military has reported 61 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 784 U.S. servicemen have died — 576 as a result of hostile action and 208 of nonhostile causes, according to the Defense Department on Friday.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

A U.S. soldier died Saturday in a noncombat related incident in Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

No identifications were reported.

Five U.S. troops have been killed in Najaf and 19 wounded, according to the military. Najaf police chief Brig. Ghalib al-Jazari said about 20 police have been killed in the violence since Thursday.

A British soldier was killed in

fighting with militiamen in Basra on Monday, the Ministry of Defense said in London.

U.S. and Iraqi forces have been trying to rein in al-Sadr to prevent the current violence from expanding on the scale of a widespread revolt his militia launched in April, fighting for two months a series of truces brought a relative calm.

al-Sadr on Monday vowed to keep up the battle, rejecting calls a day earlier from interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi for the militiamen to stop fighting.

"I will continue fighting," al-Sadr told reporters. "I will remain in Najaf city until the last drop of my blood has been spilled."

"Resistance will continue and increase day by day," he said.

"Our demand is for the American occupation to get out of Iraq. We want an independent, democratic, free country."

At the same time, violence in the insurgency-plagued Sunni regions of Iraq continued. A suicide attacker detonated a station wagon packed with explosives Monday outside the home of Diyala province's deputy governor, Aqil Hamid al-Adili, killing six policemen guarding his home.

al-Adili was wounded and taken to a military medical facility after the blast. al-Adili, 40 miles northeast of Baghdad. It was the latest in a campaign of insurgent attacks targeting officials in Iraq's new government — seen as cooperating with Americans.

Also Monday, a roadside bomb blew up next to a bus on a main street in the town of Khalidiya, 70 miles west of Baghdad, killing four passengers and wounding four others, officials said.

The military reported Monday that a U.S. Marine was killed in action Sunday in Anbar province, a center of Sunni insurgent violence. The death brought to at least 27 the number of American servicemen who have died in Iraq.

## Kuwait denies detainees are on hunger strike

KUWAIT CITY — The government denied Monday that about a dozen men detained on security charges had gone on a hunger strike to protest their alleged torture.

It was an intention to stage a hunger strike among some of them," the Interior Ministry said in a statement. "But the legal and humane treatment by the security apparatus that supervises their detention convinced them that such a step was not needed."

Kuwait detained a number of men last month on charges of recruiting teenagers to fight the U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq.

## Senator seeks inquiry into alleged abuse by Iraqis

PORTLAND, Ore. — A U.S. senator sent the Pentagon a letter Sunday seeking an investigation into a report that U.S. soldiers were ordered to abandon an effort to prevent Iraqi jailers from abusing prisoners.

The request from Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld followed a report by The Oregonian newspaper that Oregon National Guard soldiers saw dozens of Iraqi prisoners being abused in the town of Najaf's first day as a sovereign nation after the U.S.-led invasion last year.

The newspaper reported Sunday that the guardsmen attempted to stop Iraqi jailers from abusing the prisoners but were ordered to return the prisoners to the jailers and leave.

## Video reported to show Bulgarian's beheading

CAIRO, Egypt — Four masked, black-clad men who said they belonged to a group that has claimed responsibility for kidnappings and killings in Iraq beheaded a man identified only as a Bulgarian in a video posted on the Internet Monday.

It was not clear when the video was made, and its authenticity could not immediately be verified. Bulgarian officials said Monday they had examined the video but were "unable to identify the executed man because of the material's bad quality."

From The Associated Press

# Bush aides: U.S. disrupted terror plans

## Al-Qaida reportedly considered divers, boats for attack on New York

By DEB RICHMANN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House officials are optimistic that the recent arrests of suspected terrorists and the seizure of detailed surveillance of financial buildings has undermined plans to attack the United States.

And they suggested, in television talk shows Sunday, some of the potential plots uncovered in the past week may have been part of a broader effort to strike the country before the November election.

"I certainly think that by our actions now that we have disrupted it," Frances Fragos Townsend, President Bush's homeland security adviser, said on "Fox News Sunday." "The question is, have we disrupted all of it or a part of it? And we're working through an investigation to uncover that."

But Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that based on the information he'd seen, he believes the Bush administration may have overestimated the immediacy of the threat of an attack.



Frances Fragos Townsend

"I have not seen any hard evidence that there was an active moment that was contemplated in the very near term," Biden said Monday on NBC's "Today" show.

If there was a smoking gun that said we know for certain that was going to occur, I didn't see it."

In cooperation with U.S. intelligence agencies, authorities in Pakistan and Britain have detained suspected al-Qaida operatives, while computer files uncovered in Pakistan contained surveillance information of five prominent financial sites in New York, Washington and Newark, N.J. The administration issued a terror alert based on that information.

Townsend said it is not clear how much has been uncovered about a potential plot around the presidential election. "This certainly looks like it was a piece of it," she told CBS' "Face the Nation."

Besides the financial sites, counterterrorism officials have said other places have been mentioned as possible targets. Asked whether they included the Capitol and members of Congress, Townsend replied: "Yes, in the past and as part of this continuing threat stream."

"We may see additional U.S. targets," she said. "It's hard to judge that now until we have a better sense of what we see out of

Great Britain, Pakistan and this arrest over the weekend in the United Arab Emirates."

Included in information obtained on three laptop computers and 51 discs seized in a July 24 raid in Pakistan were details of how al-Qaida operatives thought of using speed boats and divers to carry out attacks in New York harbor before the November election. Time magazine reported, quoting an unidentified U.S. law enforcement official.

The plotters also were considering the use of helicopters in some New York operations, Time said.

A senior Pakistani al-Qaida operative who formerly ran one of the terror group's training camps in Afghanistan was arrested in the UAE and has been handed over to Pakistani officials.

To act quickly on recommendations from the commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California has urged Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., to call a special session of Congress. Hastert said House committees are working on the recommendations, with hearings this week.



Pervez Musharraf

## Pakistan valued in war on terrorism

By KEN GUGGENHEIM  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pakistan has again proved it is the single most crucial player in the war on terror: the site of an al-Qaida ring that was targeting this country and led to the raising of the terror alert, and the nation whose cooperation is needed most to make arrests happen.

The commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks said it flatly: The role of Pakistan in the struggle against Islamic terrorism can't be overstated.

All this has many critics wondering if the Bush administration is pressing Pakistan hard enough to fight terror and extremism, or if a country wavering on the edge of chaos could be pushed to do more.

They worry the administration may be ignoring a time bomb — and a nuclear time bomb at that.

To assure Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's support on al-Qaida, they say, the administration hasn't pressed him enough on fighting nuclear proliferation. Nor has it pushed him on Pakistan's lack of democracy, its poor human rights record — or its extremist-teaching schools.

Some fear those schools could lead to turmoil in Pakistan resulting in America's worst nightmare: a hostile, nuclear-armed Islamic state.

For U.S. policy-makers, it's a dilemma: How far can they go in seeking changes in Pakistan without alienating Musharraf or driving his shaky government to the brink of collapse? "Our relationship with Pakistan is probably the most complex of that of any country," said California Rep. Tom Lantos, the top Democrat on the House International Relations Committee.

Pakistan has been seen as one of President Bush's successes.

The Sept. 11 commission described Musharraf's government as "the best hope for stability in Afghanistan." It also called on the United States to demand the difficult long-term commitment to the future of Pakistan.

But some analysts say those goals may be contradictory — that U.S. support for Musharraf may undermine America's long-term credibility in Pakistan.

## Prosecutors in terror trial felt hindered by Washington

By JOHN SOLOMON  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Behind the scenes of the first major terror trial after Sept. 11, 2001, frontline prosecutors complained bitterly they had not received needed help from the Justice Department and were prevented from introducing some of their most dramatic evidence in the courtroom, internal memos show.

As a result, jurors in the trial of four men accused of operating a terror cell in Detroit never heard testimony from an Osama bin Laden lieutenant or saw video footage of European operatives casing U.S. landmarks. Prosecutors believed both would have connected the defendants to al-Qaida.

The department's terrorism unit "provided no help of any kind in this prosecution," the U.S. Attorney's office in Detroit wrote in one memo, claiming that superiors in Washington hindered the case and sent a lawyer who chose to play basketball rather than assist prosecutors at trial.

The Detroit case ended last summer with the convictions, handed by the Bush administration, of three men who were accused of operating a sleeper terror cell that possessed plans for attacks around the world.

A fourth defendant was acquitted, however, and only two of the four men originally arrested were convicted of terrorism charges.

Now the convictions are in jeopardy because of an internal investigation into allegations that the defense lawyers were denied evidence that could have helped them.

Whatever the outcome, internal documents obtained by The Associated Press and more recently disclosed by the Justice Department and former officials detail how the differences between Washington and the field office kept important evidence from being shown to jurors.



Major New York City landmarks — including the Brooklyn Bridge, right, and the Manhattan bridge — were filmed by al-Qaida members in 1997 as they scouted the city for potential targets. The videotape, obtained by the Associated Press, was found by Spanish authorities after a 2002 raid of an al-Qaida cell in Madrid.

"We were butting heads vigorously with narrow-shouldered bureaucrats in Washington," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Convertino, the lead Detroit prosecutor. He now is under investigation by superiors in the capital.

"There was a series of evidence, pieces of evidence, that we wanted to get into our trial that we were unable to do. Things that would have strengthened the case immeasurably, and made the case much stronger, exponentially," Convertino told the AP.

For instance, the FBI had learned before the trial that Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi, al-Qaida's training camp chief, told interrogators after his capture that bin Laden had authorized an attack on the Incirlik air base in Turkey where U.S. military jets fly missions over Iraq for the past decade, Convertino said.

The interrogation was deemed important because the FBI found in the Detroit terror cell's apartment sketches of the same Turkish base, including flight patterns of U.S. jets. Al-Libi's testimony would have connected the Detroit defendants to a planned al-Qaida attack, Convertino said.

But, he said, al-Libi was "spirited off from Afghanistan to Egypt and we were not able to interview him or use him as a witness."

Justice officials declined comment, citing a partial gag order the trial judge has imposed in the Detroit case. But internal memos show Washington frequently criticized the Detroit prosecutors as "not adequately supervised" and providing "minimal" cooperation.

In another example, prosecutors obtained a videotape showing that an al-Qaida cell broken up by Spanish authorities in 2002 had video surveillance of the same American landmark that was found on a video with the Detroit cell.

Prosecutors were told by superiors they could not introduce the Spanish tape unless they went through a lengthy bureaucratic process, known as the Letters Rogatory, that establishes chain of custody for foreign evidence.

With just weeks before the trial and no willingness in Washington to delay the trial, prosecutors abandoned the evidence, Convertino said.



# U.S. to temper approach in Afghan interactions

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The top U.S. general in Afghanistan promised to tone down his troops' aggressive search for Taliban-led insurgents after a meeting with President Hamid Karzai, the military said Monday.

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Nearly three years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the U.S. military is still searching for al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden and Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, U.S. officials said. The new tactics would in no way hamper the hunt for militants.



Lt. Gen. David Barno

The changes will "improve Afghan and coalition cooperation in riding the country of terrorists," he said.

Local leaders have complained of Americans and allied

Afghan militiamen sweeping through villages in the dead of night, leaving a trail of wrecked property, trampled customs and unfair detentions.

Rights groups warn the heavy-handed tactics may have caused unnecessary deaths and stoked sympathy for Taliban rebels who continue to defy the currently 18,000-strong force under Barno's command.

Anti-American leaflets earlier this year depicted a male U.S. soldier searching under a woman's all-encompassing burqa — a deep offense under Afghanistan's conservative Islamic mores.

The military has bristled at such criticism in the past, pointing out that, more than two years after the headline Islamic regime's ouster, Afghanistan remains a war zone. Two U.S. soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb on Saturday.

But Barno agreed to soften their approach — after Karzai called him to his Kabul palace on Wednesday.

The agreement was "very positive," presidential spokesman Jawid Ludin said.

Barno said his forces would consult local officials and tribal elders before starting sweeps. Troops would return seized materials, receive training in "local customs and courtesies" and get elders to ask residents to open their doors before troops force their way in.

The U.S. commander also agreed to a raft of measures relating to prisoners — another sore issue since the scandal over abuse of detainees in Iraq drew fresh attention to complaints of mistreatment in Afghanistan.

The military will fund reconstruction projects in areas where people were detained and subse-

quently released. Afghans will be told to go to the international Red Cross for information on prisoners, and a new Afghan U.S. body will "resolve detainee issues," Nelson said.

The U.S. military is investigating several allegations that prisoners were abused in its custody in Afghanistan, including at least four deaths. Others say they were beaten and sexually abused.

The prison review and pledge to respect Afghan customs come as the military deepens its involvement in relief operations and providing security for the country's October presidential election.

American troops are focusing on the troubled south and east, leaving NATO-led troops to cover the capital and the north.

Twelve election workers and guards have died so far, all in the south and east of the country where guerrillas launch frequent attacks.

## Afghanistan's Taliban maintain grip rooted in fear

Ousted regime still intimidates with threats of violence for registering to vote, helping U.S.

BY KEITH B. RICHBURG  
The Washington Post

PARLAY, AFGHANISTAN — Si-fullah is just 14 years old, but he knows enough to be afraid to bring tea. "If anybody sees me bringing tea, they'll ask me why I am helping the coalition forces," he said softly to a small group of U.S. soldiers and a reporter. "I'm afraid of the Taliban."

The Taliban guerrillas usually come out at night, walking from the other side of the mountain, Si-fullah said. They have long beards and usually dress in white, with big black or white turbans. Often they carry AK-47 assault rifles on their shoulders and 9 mm pistols at their sides. Sometimes they have satellite telephones. They search the stone huts of this village for weapons, making the women wait outside.

And they come with a message:

Do not help the Americans and their allies fighting in Afghanistan, and do not register to vote in the Oct. 9 presidential election, or you and your family will be killed.

Here in the northeast corner of Kandahar province, still considered a Taliban stronghold more than 2½ years after the repressive Islamic movement was ousted from power, Si-fullah's story was corroborated over and over — by an old man who fled to a nearby village after receiving threats, by a 16-year-old who was held for five hours while the Taliban searched for his older brother, and by a local militia commander whose brother was killed by the Taliban and who now works closely with U.S. forces.

Taliban fighters are abundant in the mountains, they all agree.

When U.S. forces are in the area, the guerrillas emerge, staging hit-and-run attacks before disappearing back into the rock-strewn landscape.

U.S. troops say their battle against the Taliban is a classic guerrilla war against an elusive foe who refuses to show his face.

"They're scared," said Capt. Brian L. Peterson, commander of Alpha Troop, a reconnaissance and surveillance unit of the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division, based in Honolulu. "We've got to pry them out of the rocks to come out and fight."

"They know the air power that we command is devastating for them if they try to mass in number, so they are comfortable working at the small-unit level," said Staff Sgt. Joe Schoch, 29, a member of a long-range surveillance team. He added: "The tactic they are using right now is either hit-and-run or bait-and-ambush."



The Washington Post/ATVP

Members of the Afghan national army, trained by U.S. Special Forces, patrol earlier this year in the country's south, where Taliban guerrillas remain active. U.S. troops say their battle against the Taliban is a classic guerrilla war against an elusive foe who refuses to show his face, yet still manages to evoke fear in the locals.

As soon as the choppers come, they're dropping their weapons and picking up their goats."

The biggest problem, U.S. soldiers and residents here say, is that as soon as the Americans leave, the Taliban will return. "We are happy that you guys are here," said Si-fullah, who wore a green traditional Afghan shirt that was stained and dirty, a cap and black sandals. "But we are worried when you go back. They will ask why we were talking to coalition forces, and who helped them."

Taliban tactics were underscored as Peterson's unit left Parlay on Sunday, heading back toward Kandahar. At 5 p.m., the convoy discovered the bodies of seven men close to the roadside; all apparently had been killed at close range. Most appeared to

have been shot in the back of the head, with the bullet wounds exiting in front, and one seemed to have had his head bashed in.

The soldiers collected the bodies using the only two available body bags, as well as rain ponchos, and carried the corpses on the hoods of their Humvees. The blood was still fresh, indicating that the attack had taken place only hours before, according to an Army doctor traveling with the group who inspected the bodies.

The initial speculation among U.S. troops was that Taliban forces might have executed members of an anti-Taliban Afghan militia.

Local Afghan officials said they thought the men might have been killed for having voter registration cards, but no cards were found among them. The position

of the bodies indicated that the men might have been trying to flee the attackers.

At 6:30 p.m., word flashed over the soldiers' radios that a smaller contingent of 20 U.S. troops left behind at Parlay, the Third Platoon of Alpha Troop, had come under a brief but intense ambush by suspected Taliban attackers firing small arms, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades. No U.S. soldiers were reported hurt in the ambush, in which the attackers fired at least five mortar rounds and 15 RPGs.

The ambush appeared timed to coincide with the departure of the leaving force of Alpha Troop soldiers Sunday morning, and the tactic of ambushing and retreating was familiar to these soldiers. "That's what they do," said Staff Sgt. Sean Shirey of Culver City, Calif. "They won't come out and fight."

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# 82nd engineers keep highway safe from IEDs

BY RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

**BAQOUBA, Iraq**—If the 82nd Engineer Battalion soldiers are lucky, the hunt for roadside bombs can be the most boring four hours of their lives.

On Saturday, they were lucky.

The battalion's soldiers are on the road 24 hours a day in four-hour shifts, scouring "Blue Babe Highway" for the nasty home-made bombs known to soldiers as improvised explosive devices (IED). The highway is a vital convoy route from Forward Operating Base Gabe to its resupply point at Forward Operating Base Warhorse.

The patrol involves driving back and forth along the highway, which had little traffic on Saturday, and occasionally parking to watch things.

On one of these "breaks," soldiers in the lead vehicle passed the time by telling war stories.

"We saw one IED that was made out of a 55-gallon barrel with a sign on top of it," said Sgt. Joshua Staderman, of Company C, out of Bamberg, Germany. As gunner, he sits on a 2-inch-wide strap, resembling a wing.

His head and shoulders poke out of the roof so he can man the gun that sits atop the vehicle.

"It blew when we got close to it, and a piece of shrapnel came in at the bottom of the rear passenger door (under the vehicle's armor), shot across the Humvee and cut a chunk out of the driver's calf."

Sgt. Michael Davis, the vehicle commander, has been luckier. He hasn't been hit by an IED, but had a close call with a rocket-propelled grenade, he said.

The driver, Pfc. Sergio Sanchez, is a tank driver from 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, out of Vilseck, Germany. He is attached to Company C.

"Insurgents learned a long time ago that IEDs don't do anything to our tanks," Sanchez said. "They don't even try anymore."

Three vehicles back, the fourth and last in the convoy, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Patterson, the 3rd Platoon sergeant, is testing the theory that lightning—in the form of roadside bombs—won't strike the same vehicle twice.

On Thursday, Patterson's vehicle was hit by a bomb while he was on one of these patrols. The heat of the blast melted the ballistic window and pushed it inward. It didn't break, however. The blast also sent jagged pieces of metal into the tires, flattening both on the passenger side, and into the air conditioner, damaging it beyond repair.

The blast also sprayed minute pieces of shrapnel that struck the gunner, who had minor injuries to his face and returned to duty the next day, Patterson said.

Patterson's vehicle was towed back to FOB Gabe.

The one-month-old Humvee was repaired overnight, except for the air conditioning, and put back on the road.

"We went right back out the next day," Patterson said, about 30 minutes before the patrol went out Saturday. "We've learned to put a lot of faith in the up-armored Humvees."

"The IED was in a hole that was still there from another explosion," Patterson said. "We see that a lot. What we really look for out there is holes in the road where bombs can be hidden, or any kind of wire



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**Command Sgt. Maj. John Gioia, 82nd Engineer Battalion, stands next to his Humvee, scarred by shrapnel, last week. Soldiers from his battalion conduct patrols in search of roadside bombs on the same roadway, known as "Blue Babe Highway," where the damage to his vehicle was caused in June.**

in the road."

As the patrol begins to roll again, the only sound is the loud engine of the Humvee. The windows are closed to keep shrapnel out, the heat is stifling.

Sanchez and Davis scan the road to the front and their respective sides.

Staderman scans the perimeter to the front and both sides. The hum of the engine seems to melt away and the silence becomes almost maddening. Every vehicle is

suspect, as is every mound of dirt on the road's shoulder. At any moment, the silence could give way to the next explosion.

It would seem these bomb hunters would be as skittish as wild cats. But their nerve has steelled over the past five months.

"We aren't jumpy anymore," Staderman said. "We were jumpy as hell when we first got here. Not anymore."

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# 2nd soldiers outfitted with state-of-the-art gear

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

**CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait**—Christmas came early last week for 2nd Infantry Division soldiers in the Middle East.

The soldiers, en route to Iraq with the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team—the "Strike Force"—each got \$1,400 or more worth of state-of-the-art equipment as part of the Army's Rapid Fielding Initiative, which gives soldiers the latest in battle clothing and fighting gear.

Maj. Kevin Korchek, of the Nevada Army National Guard, played Santa. He handed out the gear but did not bother dressing up in a red suit, something that would have been foolish in the 110-degree F heat at Camp Buehring, where the Strike Force is preparing for its Iraq mission.

The equipment issued to each soldier included two pairs of boots (for winter and summer), Wiley X sunglasses, goggles, sports bras for the women, T-shirts, gloves, socks, winter underwear, a polar fleece jacket, an advanced combat helmet, a Modular Lightweight Load Carrying Equipment vest and a Gerber multitool.

Some soldiers got additional specialized equipment such as telescopic sights and flashlights that attach to their weapons.



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**A soldier from 1st Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, tries on a pair of Wiley X sunglasses issued to him at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.**

"It is equipment that is geared toward this theater. It is stuff soldiers normally buy for themselves," Korchek said.

Pfc. Adrian Cerdillo of Company B, 1st Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment had his arms full of new gear as he stood with other soldiers collecting equipment in a tent at Camp Buehring on Saturday morning.

His favorite new piece of equipment is the "ACOG," or Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight, for his M-4 rifle, he said.

"It doesn't use batteries like my old sight and it is four times as powerful," he said.

The soldiers said many of them bought their own sights before they came to the desert.

Andrew Mizera of Company C, 2nd Forward Support Battalion, bought his own NC-Star telescopic sight for his M-16 before he left South Korea.

The sight cost \$100 from johnmason.com, he said.

"I can hit a target out to 500 yards away with this. Without it, my range is only 300 yards," he said.

Another 2nd FSB soldier, Pfc. Sacarra Pusey, said the new Kevlar helmet, which features a reversible cover that changes from green to tan, is her favorite piece of new equipment.

"It is much lighter and more comfortable than my old helmet," she said.

Pfc. Arthur Waddle, a mechanic with 2nd FSB, preferred the Gerber, which is the third multitool the young soldier has owned. The first was a Leatherman, he said.

"I broke that pretty quick," he said.

Next came his first Gerber that survived being run over by a truck but got lost.

Waddle plans to put his new multitool to good use.

"You can do a lot of stuff with it. You can take apart a HMWV (High Mobility Wheeled Vehicle) with a Gerber," he claimed.

Pvt. Jacob Hinds, also of 2nd FSB, said the new equipment is the sort of items, along with portable DVD players and lap-top computers, that many soldiers might have spent their last paycheck on in South Korea.

However, he was surprised to get the winter clothing, given the hot conditions in the Middle East.

"It must get cold where we are going," he said.

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# 2nd FSB show true grit on Udari Range

## Troops get taste of stinging sand, moving targets, heat

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

**S**UDARI RANGE, Kuwait  
Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division have begun training in the desert, shooting at stationary and moving targets at Udari Range, Kuwait.

Soldiers from the 2nd Forward Support Battalion, who arrived from South Korea last week, were the first troops to hit the range in the desert. They were also the first troops from 2nd ID's 2nd Brigade Combat Team to arrive in Kuwait.

Second FSB commander Lt. Col. Richard Bezold said that traditionally, his unit would not spearhead a brigade combat team into battle. "The combat forces usually lead and the support forces follow and establish support areas so the combat forces can receive supplies," he said.

But "in this situation the theater is more mature and we are relieving another unit, so it was decided to establish the logistics infrastructure so the (combat) units could have a support base."

Since the 2nd FSB was the first unit to arrive in the theater, it was the first to hit the ranges in Kuwait.

The unit's first range training involved zeroing weapons, a process that revealed the different challenges soldiers will face in the desert, Bezold said.

Also, he said, "In South Korea,

it is very humid so we put oil on our weapons. In the desert if you put oil on them they will jam up on you because the sand gets inside."

On Sunday, soldiers from the 2nd FSB traveled from their base at Camp Buehling to Udari Range 8 for live-fire entry control point training.

The range is a short drive from the camp, across a sandy plain populated by camels and a few patches of dead-looking vegetation.

At the range, the sun beat down; a howling hot wind blew sand in soldiers' faces as they fired at stationary targets from different positions, such as standing, kneeling and turning.

The idea was to teach soldiers to shoot from the sort of positions from which they might have to

fight at an entry control point, said Sgt. James Washington of the 2nd FSB, who supervised the training.

"These are skills that could be used in other areas such as patrolling," he said.

After the target shoot, the soldiers moved to a range designed to simulate an attack by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device, or IED.

Military Professional Resources Inc. employee Dave Cowie built the range a year ago from equipment supplied from Belgium and has operated it ever since.

In that time, more than 5,000 soldiers have fired more than



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**Soldiers from the 2nd Forward Support Battalion, who arrived from South Korea last week, fire at moving targets on Udari Range, Kuwait.**

250,000 rounds on the range, he said.

The range includes a rail system that moves a vehicle-shaped target towards an entry control point at 8-10 mph.

Cowie is able to control a pop-up, man-sized target that appears in the driver's seat as the vehicle approaches.

The vehicle's "driver" wears a red-and-white-checked scarf on his head and "is supposed to represent your typical Iraqi terrorist insurgent trying to bust a gate. The guards' objective is to kill and disable the driver as a first line of defense," Cowie said.

"With the armor plating system I have designed on the vehicle, they actually have to hit the driver. They can't get a lucky shot," he said.

During a tour to Iraq with the 4th Infantry Division, former sol-

dier Cowie never saw a vehicle-borne IED attack, but said such attacks are a reality in the country today.

Cowie said MPRI, as the company is known, gives the Army feed-

back on where it should place guard towers at entry control points, based on soldiers' accuracy from various firing positions at Udari Range.

Second FSB soldier Sgt. James Forest said he enjoyed the training.

"This is the first time we have shot at a moving target like this. It was a good experience to shoot at something coming at you," he said.

Another 2nd FSB soldier, Sgt. Nicholas Likins, said he hoped to build on the training and be able to "stop something like this if it ever does happen."

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## Bronchitis causes GI to collapse

UDARI RANGE, Kuwait — The 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team suffered its first casualty in the desert Sunday when a soldier collapsed and was medically evacuated after suffering from bronchitis brought on by dust storms at Udari Range.

The female soldier, with the 2nd Forward Support Battalion, was training at the desert range not far from the strike force's base at Camp Buehling when the incident occurred.

The soldier collapsed and was carried to a combat lifesaver by four members of her unit; she was expected to return to her unit after being evacuated and treated, officials said.

Temperatures were more than 110 degrees at the time, and combat lifesaver Pfc. Rom Yous at first suspected the soldier had a heat injury, he said.

Yous, who has treated heat injuries in South Korea, elevated the soldier's legs, attached an intravenous drip and loosened her clothing to ensure she had proper blood flow, he said.

"She was going through a seizure. She wasn't responding so I had to assess the situation just by seeing what her symptoms were. I started the procedures of evaluating a casualty."

"Her pulse was around 55 beats per minute. It should be around 65 beats at a resting heartbeat," he said.

When a person is undergoing trauma the pulse should be much faster, Yous added.

The soldier was placed in a truck with the air conditioner turned on while soldiers wiped her face with wet towels and shaded it with a desert camouflage uniform top.

When a helicopter arrived, a team carried her on a stretcher to the machine through a swirling storm of dust stirred up by the whirling rotors.

Yous said he believed heat was not the cause of the collapse.

"It wasn't the heat, but the heat might have compounded it," he said.

Later, the soldier was diagnosed with bronchitis brought on by dust storms, officials said.

On Sunday, both Udari Range and Camp Buehling were exposed to heavy dust storms that, at times, reduced visibility to a few feet.

— Seth Robson



**A 2nd Forward Support Battalion soldier takes aim and fires at a target representing the driver of a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device at Udari Range, Kuwait.**

# Bush vows to oppose Iran's nuclear goals

BY DEB RIECHMANN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush vowed Monday to keep pressuring Iran to give up its nuclear ambitions, but he tempered his tough words with talk of diplomacy, countering Democrats who say he takes a go-it-alone approach on the world stage.

"Iran must comply with the demands of the free world, and that's where we sit right now," Bush said. "My attitude is that we've got to keep pressure on the government, and help others keep pressure on the government — so there's going to be universal condemnation of illegal weapons activities."

Bush stressed U.S. efforts to work with other nations to make sure the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency asks Iran "hard questions" about its weapons activities. "Foreign ministers of Germany, France and Britain have gone in as a group to send a message on behalf of the free world," he said.

For 3½ years, the administration has insisted to a largely disbelieving world that Iran was developing a dangerous nuclear capability. The administration is contending now that its doggedness is paying off.

Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, had said Sunday that the world finally is "worried and suspicious" over the Iranians' intentions and is determined not to let Tehran produce a nuclear weapon.

In appearances on two nationally broadcast interview shows, she would

*"I think we've finally now got the world community to a place ... that it is worried and suspicious of the Iranian activities."*

Condoleezza Rice  
U.S. national security adviser

not say whether the United States would act alone to end the program if the administration could not win international support.

For its part, Iran said Monday the international community has no reason to be suspicious about its nuclear ambitions, despite allegations by the United States that it is trying to produce nuclear weapons.

"Iran has not violated any of its commitments to international treaties in its nuclear program," Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi was quoted as saying by the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

Kharrazi announced a week ago that his country had resumed building nuclear centrifuges. He said at the time that his country was retaliating for the West's failure to force the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency to close its file on possible Iranian violations of nuclear non-proliferation rules.

But Kharrazi also said Iran was not resuming enrichment of uranium, which requires a centrifuge. He said that Tehran had restarted manufacturing the device because Britain, Germany and France had not stopped the investigation by the International Atomic Energy Agency, or IAEA.

At one point on Monday, Bush started to say that the United States got Iran to sign an agreement that would permit inspections, but then quickly corrected himself to say the "world" got the Iranians to sign a protocol to allow site inspections.

Rice, appearing on CNN's "Late Edition," said, "The United States was the first to say that Iran was a threat in this way, to try and convince the international community that Iran was trying, under the cover of a civilian nuclear program, to actually bring about a nuclear weapons program."

"I think we've finally now got the world community to a place, and the [IAEA] to a place, that it is worried and suspicious of the Iranian activities," she said. "Iran is facing for the first time real resistance to trying to take these steps."

Bush, in his 2002 State of the Union address, included Iran with North Korea and Iraq in an "axis of evil" dedicated to developing nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

Since then, North Korea has publicly resumed its nuclear development program. In Iraq, invading U.S.-led forces have found no such programs after President Saddam Hussein was deposed.



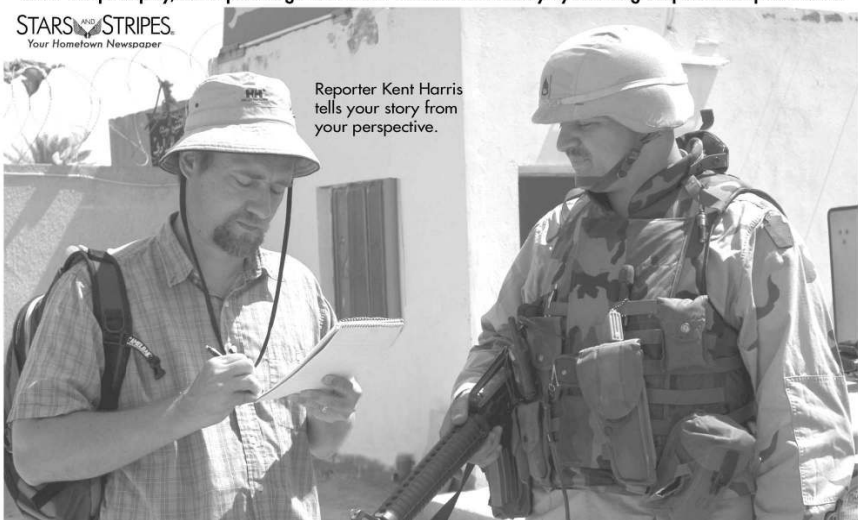
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National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice talks about the Bush administration's concerns over Iran's nuclear program on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. Rice said the world should be "worried and suspicious" and must not let Tehran produce a nuclear weapon.

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# Steam leak at nuclear plant in Japan kills 4

## Seven others injured after pipe bursts at Mihama facility

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI

The Associated Press

MIHAMA, Japan — Japan suffered its deadliest nuclear power plant accident Monday when a bursting pipe killed at least four workers and injured seven in another blow to the industry in an energy-poor country already worried about nuclear plant safety.

No radiation was released when the boiling water and steam exploded from a cooling pipe at the plant in Mihama, a small city about 200 miles west of Tokyo.

But the steam leak followed a string of safety lapses and cover-ups at reactors, and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi vowed to launch a thorough investigation into the accident. Fears about the safety of the country's 52 nuclear power plants soared in 1999, when a radiation leak northeast of Tokyo killed two workers and exposed hundreds to radiation.

Monday's leak was caused by a lack of cooling water in the reactor's turbine and perhaps by significant metal erosion in the condenser pipe, said the plant's operator, Kansai Electric Power.

The pipe's wall, originally 10 mm thick, had become as thin as 1.5 mm in the 28 years since the reactor was constructed.

After the accident, Kansai Electric officials found a hole in the pipe that was believed to be the source of the leak. They did not say how big the hole was.

The water flowing through the pipe at the time of the accident was about 300 degrees Fahrenheit, said Akira Kikado, deputy plant manager.

Four workers died after suffering severe burns. Of the seven injured workers, two were in critical condition, three were in serious condition and the remaining two suffered minor injuries.

"The ones who died had stark white faces," said Yoshihiro Sugura, the doctor who treated them at the Tsuruga City Hospital.

"This shows they had rapidly been exposed to heat."

All the workers were employees of Kiuchi Keisoku Co., an Osaka-based subcontractor of Kansai Electric. They were all inside the turbine building to prepare for regular inspections of the plant, which began operating in 1976.

Government officials said there was no need to evacuate the area surrounding Mihama, a city of 11,500.

Yosaku Fujii, president of Kansai Electric, apologized for the accident but bowed deeply before reporters at a televised news conference.



Steam billows from the facility where a steam leak occurred Monday at the No. 3 reactor of the Mihama Nuclear Power Plant in Mihama, Japan.

## Welfare, budget issues halt Israel coalition talks

BY MARK LAVIE

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Ariel Sharon, the hawk, and Shimon Peres, the dove, allies on Israel's need to pull out of Gaza, but an alliance between their parties was held up Monday by a sharp disagreement over whether Israel should be a welfare state.

Coalition negotiations broke down over the 2005 state budget and welfare cuts. No further talks were scheduled, hinting at a crisis.

Sharon lost his parliamentary majority in June, alienating his right-wing constituency with his plan to pull all Israeli settlers out of Gaza and evacuate four small West Bank settlements.

Sharon, who spent decades expanding Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, was forced to turn for support to Labor Party leader Peres, who favors giving up most of the territories in exchange for peace.

Peres is seen by his allies in Sharon's Likud Party as the epitome of defeatism, insisting on negotiations with the Palestinians despite 40 years of decades of deadly violence.

Labor activists view Sharon's sudden push to uproot some of the settlements as a betrayal. Peres helped build with utmost suspicion.

Peres said Sunday that Sharon has accepted his main demands about the Gaza pullout, including a detailed timetable and the possibility of negotiating with the Palestinians.

The two parties are deeply divided on domestic issues as well.

Likud, following the lead of Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has been pushing a reorganization of Israel's welfare and public sector-based economy, slashing benefits while providing tax cuts to upper echelons to stimulate the economy.

Labor, which held power for three decades since Israel's creation in 1948, has discarded its socialist philosophy, but still advocates heavy government spending as a safety net for Israel's poor.

Labor rejects Netanyahu's efforts to try to force welfare recipients to work by cutting benefits, at a time when unemployment is over 10 percent.

A recent government survey indicated 14 percent of Israeli adults have scaled back on essential food and medicine because of economic difficulties, the Haaretz daily reported Monday.

Coalition talks broke down Monday over the state budget Netanyahu is proposing. Labor insists that Sharon's Cabinet postpone a vote on the budget, set for Sunday, but Sharon has refused.

"We can't vote for a budget which we had no part in formulating," said Dalia Itzik, a Labor negotiator.

Sharon's representatives are also negotiating with ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties to expand his coalition, but he needs Labor for a stable government that would back a Gaza pullout plan. "If they want a government that supports disengagement, they can't do it without us," Peres said Monday, referring to the Gaza pullout.

## Army vets give Israel advantage in Paralympics

BY LAURIE COPANS

The Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Almost two decades ago, Israeli army veteran Yizhar Cohen lost his sight in a land mine blast in south Lebanon.

He was 23 and had never even considered competitive sports.

Today, the 41-year-old is an accomplished swimmer, going for his seventh medal at the Paralympics in Athens.

Cohen and other veterans have been giving Israel a significant edge in these competitions, which are held every four years and follow the Olympics.

Thousands of young soldiers have been injured in Israel's wars and have given the country of 6.6 million a disproportionately large number of disabled athletes who have won hundreds of medals at the Paralympics. This year's competition begins Sept. 17 in Athens.

Cohen was an army lieutenant and deputy commander of a unit in south Lebanon when he was injured in 1985. The land mine blew a hole in his shoulder, shattered his left eye and badly damaged his right eye.

After eight operations, he was told he would not

see again. Physical therapists sent him to the pool, hoping that swimming would help him regain confidence in his body.

Cohen became a competitive swimmer, saying it helped him find a new outlet for his ambitions.

"As soon as you are wounded, you say that your body has betrayed you," said Cohen, petting his golden retriever, Puffy, after one of nine weekly training sessions at a Tel Aviv pool.

"What brings back the trust in your body is swimming. You gather your strength and you succeed."

Three Israeli swimmers traveling to Athens — Cohen, Ziv Better and Hachnoh Bidan — were wounded in Lebanon, either in Israel's last major war in 1982 or during service in a zone Israel occupied there until 2000 to prevent cross-border raids.

Their coach, Noah Ram, trained top Israeli swimmers for 40 years, but last year began working with the country's best disabled athletes. He said his new charges are more motivated and disciplined.

"They have nothing to lose," said Ram. "What they had to lose, they already lost — their eyes, their hands or their legs."

Now all they have to do is win. I help them with this."

Noah Ram

Israeli Paralympic coach

## Saudi dissenter trial

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Three advocates of democratic reform in Saudi Arabia appeared in court Monday, charged with an array of offenses arising from their criticism of the kingdom's political and religious life.

In an unprecedented move, the hearing was open to the public and about 200 people attended, including women who were given segregated seating at the back. Normally Saudi trials are held behind closed doors.

The defendants — Matrouk al-Faleh, Ali al-Dineeni and Abdullah al-Hamed — were charged with sowing dissent, creating political instability, printing political leaflets and using the media to incite people against the government, according to two political activists who attended.

The activists, Abdul Rahman al-Lahem and Ibrahim al-Mugaiiteh, said the three asked the judge for two weeks to study the indictment. The judge granted their request.

Defendant al-Hamed told the judge he wanted an independent judicial inquiry to look into the case, the activists said.

Al-Hamed said that under current Saudi procedures, judges report to the Justice Ministry, which falls under the Interior Ministry.

The judge replied he will listen to both sides and that the defendants should voice all their concerns, the activists said.

The defendants are the last remaining detainees of a group of 13 reformist intellectuals who were arrested on March 17. In

newspapers and on television, they had criticized the kingdom's strict religious environment and slow pace of reform.

## Deep drop discovered

ZAGREB, Croatia — Cave explorers discovered a pit inside a mountain range in central Croatia believed to have the world's deepest "subterranean" vertical drop, at over 1,600 feet, a scientific institute reported Monday.

The cave, in Croatia's mountainous Velebit range, has a steady, weaving drop of 203 feet before it takes a direct vertical plunge of 1,693 feet through the ground, said Ana Sutlovic Baksic, a researcher at the Velebit Speleological Society.

The cave's widest stretch is about 98 feet.

From The Associated Press



Peres

## IN THE STATES

## Nichols gets 161 life terms in '95 bombing

BY TIM TALLEY  
The Associated Press

MCALISTER, Okla. — Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols was sentenced Monday to life without the possibility of parole for his role in the worst act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history. Addressing a court for the first time, he read a statement citing God and asking forgiveness.

"My heart truly goes out to all the victims and survivors and to everyone who was affected by the Oklahoma City bombing," Nichols said. "Words cannot adequately express the sorrow I have felt

over the years for the grief they have all suffered."

District Judge Steven Taylor ordered Nichols to serve the life term on each of 161 counts of first-degree murder and the sentences run consecutively.

Nichols had already been sentenced to life without parole in 1998 on federal bombing charges; Monday's sentence was on the state murder counts. Nichols was spared the death penalty on the state counts when jurors could

not agree on a sentence.

Nichols, 49, never testified during his state and federal trials and said nothing after he was convicted in federal court. Monday he asked for forgiveness, asked "everyone to acknowledge God."

But Taylor called Nichols a "terrorist." "Your criminal acts in this case are historic in proportion," Taylor said. "No American citizen has ever brought this kind of devastation, you are in U.S. history the No. 1 mass murderer in

all of U.S. history. What could motivate you to do this? There are no answers."

Nichols received 10 years and a \$5,000 fine for a conspiracy count, 35 years and a \$25,000 fine for first-degree arson and was or-



Nichols

dered to pay \$5 million in restitution and \$10,000 per count to a victims compensation fund, as well as legal fees.

Nichols was convicted on federal involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy charges for the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers who were among the 168 victims killed during the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The state charges were for the other 160 victims and one victim's fetus.

## FBI warns N.Y. City of copter terror threats

BY KAREN MATTHEWS  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tourists boarded helicopters for sightseeing tours of the New York area on Monday despite reports that al-Qaida has considered using tour copters in terrorist attacks.

The FBI sent two bulletins Friday night to police and other government officials nationwide. The first warned of a possible helicopter threat in a U.S. city. "Al-Qaida has apparently considered the use of helicopters as an alternative to recruiting operatives for fixed-wing aircraft," said the bulletin.

The second bulletin warns that terrorists also have considered using rental vehicles, rental limousines, to conceal powerful bombs.

Limous have a larger storage capacity than cars, and they might be able to gain access to locations in a building, such as a parking garage, that would be denied to other vehicles because "they often convey an impression or authority or prestige," the FBI said.

Both bulletins urge extra vigilance by people who operate car and truck rental businesses and those who handle airport security.

The FBI repeated the government's concern that al-Qaida intends to attack the United States before the Nov. 2 election.

Law enforcement officials in New York said the only report they had received linking helicopters to potential terrorist attacks was that evidence recovered in Panama showed the use of helicopters may have taken a helicopter ride to gather information.

They said they knew of no plans to use helicopters



A New York City Police Department truck from the 75th precinct is parked outside a heliport as a helicopter prepares to land on Monday in New York.

as weapons: "There's no indication of that," New York City Police Department chief spokesman Paul Browne said.

Some law enforcement experts believe that with relatively complex controls and smaller payloads than a single-engine plane, helicopters make an unlikely tool for terrorism, officials said.

"There's indication they've looked at helicopters but no indications they had plans to use them," said one law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "They had photographed helicopters in New York but there's still no indication of what they had in mind."

Associated Press writers Deb Biechmann in Washington and Michael Weissenstein in New York contributed to this story.

## Shalikashvili, former head of Joint Chiefs of Staff, in hospital

The Associated Press

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Retired Army Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the early years of the Clinton administration, has been hospitalized in guarded condition at an Army hospital here, a spokesman said Monday.

Shalikashvili, 68, entered Madigan Medical Center on Saturday morning, and the family is requesting that no more information be released, said Mike Meines, a hospital spokesman.

The former NATO supreme allied commander spoke at the Democratic National Convention in July, endorsing John Kerry for president. "I do not stand here as a political figure," he told the convention. "Rather, I am here as an old soldier and a new Democrat."

Shalikashvili served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs in the Clinton administration from 1993, the year Clinton took office. Until 1997, when the general retired from the Army.

At a gathering honoring Shalikashvili when he retired, President Clinton pointed out that he made the recommendations that sent U.S. troops into harm's way in Haiti, Rwanda, Bosnia, the Persian Gulf and a host of other world hot spots that had proliferated since the end of the Cold War.

"In every conversation we

ever had," Clinton said at the time, "he never minced words, he never postured or pulled punches, he never shied away from tough issues or tough calls, and most important, he never shied away from doing what he believed was the right thing."

Shalikashvili's willingness to commit U.S. forces to crises in remote countries rarely if ever seen on the list of "vital national interests" set him apart from his better-known predecessor, Gen. Colin Powell.

Earlier, under President George H.W. Bush, Shalikashvili served as NATO's supreme allied commander and also commander in chief of all U.S. armed forces in Europe. At the end of the first Gulf War, he was in charge of the Kurdish relief operation in Iraq.

He came to the United States in 1952 from his native Poland when he was 16. He enlisted in the Army six years later, beginning his rise through the ranks.

He and his wife, Joan, moved to Steilacoom, near the Army base south of Tacoma, in 1998.



Shalikashvili

## Brain can be tricked to imagine pain, researchers say

BY BYRON SPICE  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The power of suggestion sometimes can be downright painful.

Whether someone has a burning hot probe against his hand, or is simply given the hypnotic suggestion that his hand is burning, the same areas of the brain are activated, a brain-imaging study at the University of Pittsburgh shows.

This confirms the notion that the brain itself may generate pain in many cases, said lead investigator, psychologist Stuart Derbyshire.

The findings, to be published in the journal *NeuroImage*, could shed light on disorders such as chronic low back pain and fibromyalgia — problems that can frustrate both patient and physician alike because no obvious physical cause of pain can be pinpointed.

"They're feeling the pain, absolutely," said Derbyshire, an assistant professor in the anesthesiology and radiology departments of the University of Pittsburgh's medical school. "We have a lot of patients who report pain without any obvious pathology."

In the case of people who suffer back pain, but have no apparent injury, "We suspect the source of the pain is somewhere in the brain, rather than the back."

Derbyshire's study of eight hypnotized subjects doesn't prove that people with these so-called "functional pain" disorders are suffering brain-generated pain, but demonstrates that it's possible.

The 34-year-old Derbyshire's inspiration can be traced to his very first experience with psychology experiments, back in high school.

In the experiment, his teacher sent Derbyshire and two other students to the hallway, while the rest of the class prepared for a supposedly elaborate experiment. The teacher subsequently sent a fourth student out in the hall to warn Derbyshire and the others that the experiment would involve placing their hands in hot water.

Derbyshire subsequently was bludgeoned and brought into the room.

His hand was indeed plunged into a bucket of water — a buck-

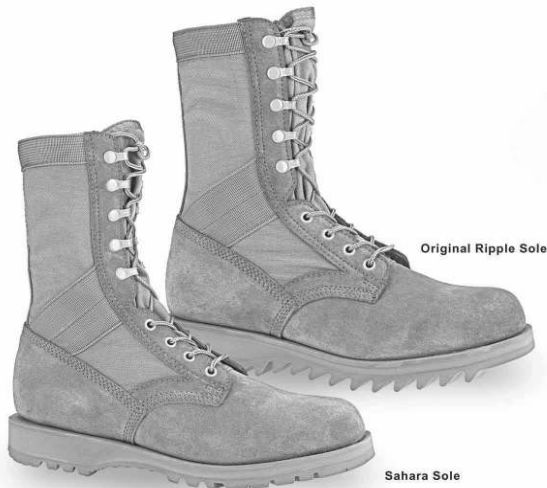
et of cold water. But he could have sworn the water was boiling hot and jerked his hand away.

Ten years later, he was working on his doctorate in psychology at the University College London. His adviser, David Oakley, had taken up hypnosis and told him about hypnotizing party guests and placing a penny in their hands. When he told them it was getting hotter and hotter, they would respond with howls of pain or by dropping the penny.

"I said, 'That was a really cool experiment,'" Derbyshire recalled.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## OPINION

## Gaza handover plan will box in Palestinians

BY DAVID NEWMAN

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from Gaza has begun to seem inevitable. Settlement evacuation, including the compensation packages to be received by each family, has been meticulously worked out. The fallback lines for the army on the Israeli side of the Gaza border have been determined. As each new detail emerges, the Israeli public becomes a little more convinced that Sharon, despite fierce opposition from within his own party, means business.

Ironically, Sharon is now being branded a traitor by those who were his closest allies. The right-wing hero has turned renegade, so much so that Avi Dichter, the head of Shin Bet, the domestic security agency, recently warned that radical elements in the settler movement might do to Sharon what their compatriot, Yigal Amir, did to left-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated after he signed the Oslo accords.

Clearly, if Sharon does withdraw all of Israel's troops in Gaza and if he does evacuate the settlements there, it will be an important first step. Credit would be due to him. ... But even then, to suggest that this amounts to a true disengagement, a transfer of control and sovereignty to the local Palestinian authorities, would be far from the truth.

In the first place, Israel intends to retain control of all the borders — the land border between Gaza and Israel, the maritime

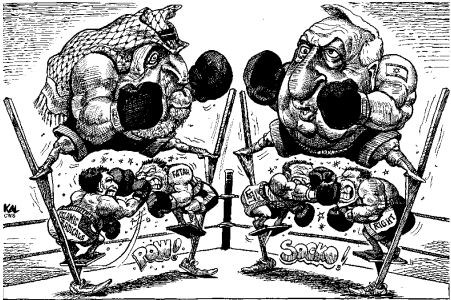
boundary in the Mediterranean Sea and the Philadelphia line separating the Gaza Strip from Egypt. Gaza would become little more than a densely populated enclosure, cut off from the outside world, making it harder for the Palestinians to carry out basic activities.

Nor does Israel plan to let the Palestinian Authority construct its own airport or seaport facilities in Gaza; the absence of such facilities makes contact with the outside world totally dependent on the Israelis.

And let's not forget that much of the physical infrastructure in Gaza is entirely dependent on the Israeli system. The electricity and phone services, and other basic needs, can be cut off at a whim. Perhaps the residents of Gaza would benefit from roads that served the settlements, but a road system that leads nowhere — to an armed guard at a sealed border — is not of much use.

After much debate, the government also has decided that the evacuated settlements will be destroyed, rather than being left for Palestinian use. Settlers have let it be known that although they will be required to uproot their lives, they are not psychologically prepared to do so. They want to return to their homes or (and this is the argument that won the day) turning synagogues into mosques.

For their part, Palestinian leaders are aware that the disengagement would, in the short term, make the situation worse. They are torn between the desire to see the backs of departing Israelis and the need to lay the



foundation for a new system of governance.

This can be done only through negotiations with the Israeli government, through a bilateral process. But Sharon is not prepared to enter into negotiations. "Disengagement" from Gaza is his plan, and it will be imposed according to his dictates.

At first glance, disengagement sounds good, and if it works, it can be used as a

model for future withdrawal in the even more contentious West Bank. But for it to succeed, Israel must undertake bilateral discussions. And Israel should not expect the transformation of the whole Gaza Strip into a large, densely populated territorial enclosure to create a situation of greater stability.

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## European people know U.S.'s power is a constant

**E** NICOSIA, Cyprus  
European attitudes toward George W. Bush are not quite as uniform as Americans might think.

If you talk to journalists and academics, they tend to think like American academics and journalists. They are contemptuous of Bush, repelled by what they hear about his religious opinions, full of ideas about his fealty to the oil business and the Saudi royal family. Much of their information about American politics and American life seems derived from Michael Moore's bestsellers, or his movies, and the picture isn't pretty.

For me, this is something of an exercise in nostalgia. Visiting Europe, say, 20 years ago I would hear about our trigger-happy cowboy president, how American politics was dominated by the Religious Right, and the widening gap between the very rich and the very poor. In those days, of course, the president was named Reagan, not Bush, but apart from a few pertinent details, the image was the same: America was the world's rogue elephant, threatening the peace and crashing about in the European china shop.

Europeans who neither teach nor write for a living, however, see things differently. For them, the American superpower is not personified by the occupant of the White House, but accepted as a way of life. And the American president's constituents are in Florida and Michigan, not Cyprus and Belgium: He will act in accordance with America's national interest, which is not necessarily the same as Europe's.

The Cypriots, for example, recognize that they live in a small, relatively powerless country, and that U.S. policy is heavily influenced by its strategic relationship with Turkey, the regional strongman. This may be unfortunate — it is certainly un-

wise — but it is the doctrine of the permanent diplomatic establishment in Washington, and was as true of Bill Clinton as it is of George W. Bush. Or would be of President Kerry.

For most Europeans, America is not its particular president, but an abstraction: the dominant political and economic power in the world, a force to be reckoned with. John Kerry may be stylistically agreeable to certain Europeans, in a way that George W. Bush is not, but few harbor the illusion that Kerry's election would transform the world.

Accordingly, most Europeans I have encountered were genuinely mystified by certain details in the candidate's acceptance speech at the Democratic convention. I tried to explain to them the ritual qualities of any such gathering, and the totems to which any U.S. politician must defer. But it was lost in translation. And three main points in Kerry's address were incomprehensible to European listeners.

First was the senator's relentless self-congratulation on his services during the Vietnam War. No one would disagree that John Kerry is to be applauded for his

tenure in the Navy, and his various medals and commendations. But the last American combatant left Vietnam 31 years ago. It is as if Gerald Ford, running for president in 1976, had referred incessantly to his duty in the Pacific during World War II.

No European could imagine the relevance of Kerry's military service to the Israeli security wall, or steel tariffs or the aftermath of the Iraq war.

Second was Kerry's emphatic assertion that the United States should go to war only when it "has to" and not when it "wants to." As more than a few European observers pointedly told me, Woodrow Wilson did not "have to" lead America against Germany into the First World War, and Harry Truman probably didn't "want to" defend South Korea against attack from the North. If Franklin Roosevelt had regarded the menace of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan as something the United States did not "have to" resist, our European friends would be living in a very different environment today.

Which brings us to the third point: Kerry's notion that he will somehow succeed,

where Bush failed, in convincing certain European powers — i.e., France and Germany — to share the financial and military burden in Iraq.

Did he really believe, I was asked, that Jacques Chirac and Gerhard Schroeder had taken the positions they had on the basis of personal antipathy to George W. Bush? Or that, having warned the United States of the pitfalls of invasion, they would gladly move to rescue the embattled Americans? To these questions, of course, I had no response, other than to say that American candidates for office are addressing their own voters, not those distant Europeans who consider our politics a subject for anthropologists.

And given the choice between a Bush second term — free of all domestic political entanglements — and the prospect of President Kerry arriving in Paris and Berlin with his hand out, the Europeans had to admit that, Michael Moore notwithstanding, George W. Bush seemed suddenly attractive.

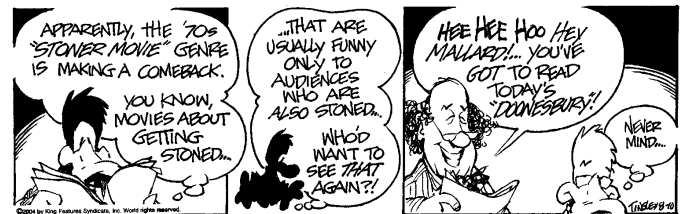
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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY





## Fish scam uncovered

**ME** PORTLAND — There was something fishy about Kimberly Gordon's offers to sell lobster and other seafood at discount prices, police said.

The 25-year-old woman accused of bilking scores of customers in several Greater Portland communities has been indicted on charges of theft.

Police said Gordon operated her one-woman scam by taking orders, collecting money and promising to return an hour or two later with the seafood, which never arrived.

More than 100 employees at office buildings, hospitals and car dealerships were duped over a period of several months, according to law enforcement officials.

Seabrook police arrested her and charged her with eight counts of theft and violation of bail conditions.

## Animals cause crashes

**GA** ATLANTA — Deer, cows and even squirrels are to blame for more than 26,000 injuries along U.S. roads each year, the government said Thursday.

In half of the animal-related accidents, motorists are injured by hitting the animal, while the other half are injured by swerving to avoid hitting the animals, said Ann Dellinger of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's motor vehicle injury prevention team.

Each year, about 200 people die in car crashes with animals.

There were 247,000 crashes involving animals in 2000, the latest data available, the CDC said. The CDC could not say if the number of car-animal accidents are on the rise. They typically happen on rural roads or highways.

Although nearly nine out of 10 such accidents involve deer, the CDC's crash study also found cows, squirrels, bears, dogs and raccoons were involved.

## Gun toter shoots self

**OK** BRISTOW — Drew Patterson wanted to protect himself after hearing reports of a fugitive in his northeastern Oklahoma community.

He didn't think he would be nursing a sore rear end.

Aware of an escaped prisoner lurking about, Patterson tucked a .22-caliber pistol into the waistband of his denim shorts. But he left the hammer pulled back, and soon enough the gun went off, shooting the 27-year-old in the left buttock.

Patterson said he walked into his parents' home and told his mother: "I did something bad."

Doctors told him to keep walking to avoid complications as the wound healed.

"It hurts fiercely now," he said, walking slowly and gingerly.

## Turtles carry disease

**WI** Federal health officials and several states are moving to stop a recent surge in the illegal sale of small pet turtles, banned since the 1970s because of the risk of salmonella infections that are especially dangerous to young children.

The turtles, most often a variety called red-eared sliders, have turned up in recent months at malls and gift shops in popular vacation spots in Wisconsin, South



Carolina, Kansas, Arizona and Texas.

Officials in Wisconsin said they had taken action against half-dozen shops around the state and were working with federal officials to find the distributors.

The problem came to light after a 4-year-old Kansas girl was sickened with salmonella bacteria that officials think she got from three turtles her mother bought while on vacation in Wisconsin.

About 80,000 cases are reported each year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## Attacking pit bulls killed

**TX** CORPUS CHRISTI — A meter reader attacked by two mixed-breed pit bulls fought them off, killing one of the animals by holding his knee to the dog's throat. The other was shot dead by police.

Scott Rousslang, 24, was treated and released from a Corpus Christi hospital with bandages covering more than 20 bite marks on his hands, arms and legs.

Rousslang was attacked when he jumped a fence to read a water meter Thursday morning.

Police are investigating the incident and said they didn't know if charges would be filed against the dogs' owners.

## Asleep on the job

**VA** ALEXANDRIA — Police responding to a 911 call from a resident of an assisted-living home said they found three care-

givers at the home asleep while a hospice patient lay helpless on the floor.

The call came into Alexandria's emergency communications center from the Sunrise Senior Living home.

Police responded, but the after-hours call button, telephone calls and their cruiser sirens could not get the attention of caregivers inside. Eventually, the officers gained entry through an unlocked side door.

The hospice patient was calling out for help after falling out of bed. Another resident was having trouble with a catheter and had called 911 out of frustration.

No one had come to their aid, police said, because the caregivers at the site were asleep.

City and state officials, as well as long-term care advocates, have begun investigations. Two Sunrise employees were fired because of the incident, said city spokeswoman Barbara Gordon.

## Manure rules adopted

**CA** DIAMOND BAR — Southern California's smog-fighting agency went after emissions of the bovine variety, adopting the nation's first rules to reduce air pollution from dairy cow manure.

The measure, which will be phased in beginning Dec. 1, applies to more than 300 dairies in the Chino area, which is considered to have the highest concentration of dairy cows in the nation.

Roughly 300,000 cows in dairies east of Los Angeles produce a million tons of manure each year. The new regulation requires dairies with at least 50 cows to remove manure from corals more frequently and send it to a composting facility or an agricultural area where it is approved for use as a fertilizer.

It is expected to cost the industry about \$3.5 million a year, or about \$15,000 per dairy, air quality officials said. By 2010, the regulation is expected to reduce ammonia emissions by more than three tons per day and cut down on other pollutants as well.

## Stone throwers jailed

**NV** LAS VEGAS — Four teens described as members of an affluent gang that terrorized a neighborhood last summer were sentenced Friday to a year each in the county jail.

The alleged members of the "311 Boys" gang, who drew national attention after videos surfaced of the youths beating each other, had pleaded no contest to one count each of battery with a deadly weapon, which carries a maximum 15-year prison sentence.

Prosecutors agreed to drop more serious charges, including attempted murder, for the teens' alleged role in a rock attack that maimed another Las Vegas teenager last summer.

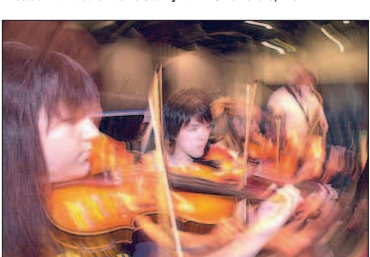
Those sentenced Friday were Christopher Farley, 19, Jeff Hart, 18; Matthew Costello, 18; and Steven Gazeley, 19.

Nine teens originally were charged in the rock attack. One was acquitted, and charges against a second were dismissed. Three others also entered the equivalent of no contest pleas and received probation but no jail time.

The judge suspended prison sentences for the four teens, opting for jail time and three to five years of probation, including a year of house arrest.



**Moove over, I'm tired** Anne Henrichs, 14, of Waterville, Wis., naps on a bed of hay in the livestock barn at the Racine County Fair in Union Grove, Wis.



**Oh, fiddle sticks** From left, Sarah Gasper, Katie Tran, Raven Biocic and Daniel Settle play the violins at Jazz Improv For Strings Camp at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Ark.



**Sandy matrimony** Melissa Burbank and Michael McClary of Vermont are married at Banzai Pipeline beach on Oahu's north shore with the Rev. Kermit Rydell performing the ceremony in Hawaii.





**Looking for action** Ryan Finnegan, 7, of Topeka, Kan., watches other players scrimmage while waiting to play in a Future Pros Hockey Camp in Kansas City, Mo.



**Gator aide** Bert Lucas from the Kachunga Alligator Show works with a volunteer from the audience, AnnaMaire Boue, 8, on the opening day at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus, Ohio.



**Free wheeler** Nate Ames performs a stunt on a motorcycle at Brainerd International Raceway in Minnesota



**Tube dudes** Sousaphone players Steven Briant, left, and Ray Nason find their instruments make great headrests during a break in practice at the Mighty Sailor Marching Band Camp in Sarasota, Fla.

## Ex-death-row con charged

**IL** CHICAGO — A death row inmate pardoned when former Gov. George Ryan cleared death row in 2003 was charged with drug and gun violations. It was his third arrest since being released from prison.

Aaron Patterson, 40, called the new charges "a farce." His attorney suggested they were a backlash to Patterson's lawsuit alleging police tortured him into a false confession in 1986 that landed him on death row.

According to the U.S. attorney's office, Patterson and another man tried to sell heroin to a government informant four times. Patterson had served 17 years for a double murder conviction when Ryan pardoned him and three other inmates during a dramatic emptying of death row in his final days in office. The governor said a "manifest injustice" had occurred in the four cases because police tortured them into confessing to crimes they didn't commit.

Ryan also commuted sentences of 167 death-row inmates to life in prison and issued a moratorium on executions because of flaws in the state's capital punishment system.

## House cleared of vermin

**NY** CANDOR — This small community got some relief Thursday as bulldozers and dump trucks hauled away more than 20 loads of trash and waste from a vermin-infested house that had been the subject of complaints for decades.

Exterminators set poisoned traps in an attempt to kill more than 1,000 rats on the property owned by Thelma Roe. The court-ordered actions came after more than a year of code violations.

Candor Code Enforcement Officer James Douglas said the home, 57 miles south of Syracuse, was deemed uninhabitable and will keep that designation until it's cleaned and the rats are exterminated.

Douglas said it appeared the home's inhabitants, Roe and Carl Overbaugh, had been living in a single room. Neighbors said the house did not have utilities and electricity for more than 25 years.

Douglas said he will monitor the house until an agreement is reached with the owner.

## Harmful algae afloat

**OH** TOLEDO — A slimy green algae that can sicken and kill fish and birds has made an early return to Lake Erie this summer.

Researchers say they began spotting the algae in western Lake Erie near Toledo in early July, which is about a month earlier than normal.

The algae, called microcystis, feeds off phosphorus that comes from farm animal waste, sewage plants and household items such as laundry detergent. It's carried into the lake by storm water, rivers and animals.

The algae is harmful mainly to wildlife. Dog owners are warned not to allow pets to drink out of water where the algae is floating.

People can suffer from diarrhea or vomiting if they swallow large amounts of untreated water containing high levels of the algae. But the large clumps of the algae usually are enough to keep people away

from it.

Researchers aren't sure why the algae is out early this summer.

The algae grows best in warm, shallow water where fed phosphorus, a common farm nutrient.

The U.S. Senate last year authorized \$2 million to study algae blooms in the Great Lakes.

## Coaches file lawsuit

**NY** NEW YORK — Four coaches fired in the wake of a sexual assault scandal at a Long Island high school have reportedly filed a \$20 million lawsuit against three of the boys involved in the scandal and their parents.

The suit alleges the boys' parents should have known their sons were "prone to acts of violence and demonstrated a vicious and dangerous propensity to commit assault and battery upon others."

Four players on the Mepham High School football team were charged with sexually assaulting teammates at a pressers training camp in Preston Park, Pa., with sticks, golf balls and pine cones.

In March, a Wayne County Pa., grand jury criticized the five coaches who accompanied the team to the camp, but it found no basis for filing criminal charges against them. The grand jury, however, cited "clear evidence" that the coaches displayed a lack of commonsense accountability in running the camp.

The coaches insist they had no knowledge the attacks were taking place and didn't learn of the allegations until days after returning to Long Island.

## Boxer-clad prisoner bolts

**CO** DENVER — A federal prisoner escaped from a transport van in Denver on Aug. 3, sprinting from the area after failing to wrest a gun from a deputy.

Police and U.S. marshals swarmed the area searching for Joseph John Belville, but the man, who was last seen wearing only a pair of white boxer shorts, managed to evade capture.

The incident happened as a van carrying three inmates back to a penitentiary slowed while merging onto an interstate. Belville opened the side sliding door and began to climb from the van.

A deputy tried to stop Belville, but after trying to take the deputy's gun, Belville sprinted from the area, disrobing as he ran.

## Rotting bear found

**AK** A fourth brown bear was reported dead and left to rot last week near a popular bear-watching and fishing stream along the northern border of Alaska's Katmai National Park and Preserve as rangers continued a criminal investigation into a series of bizarre and apparently illegal kills.

The front claws had been cut from at least two of the animals, including a mature female that had been actively nursing, said pilot and bear-viewing guide Ken Day, who discovered and reported the first three carcasses to the National Park Service last week.

"We've been watching these bears for years and years and years," he said. "It's a terrible thing when you see these beautiful creatures that just want to leave you alone — and for somebody to come over there and do a cold-blooded killing."

Stories and photos from wire reports



# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Topless tennis, anyone?

A Russian tennis star has filed a lawsuit against GQ magazine, claiming GQ allowed topless photographs of her to appear in a Russian magazine without her permission.

Anastasia Myskina, winner of this year's French Open, is suing GQ and its photographer, saying she never intended for photos of her appearing shirtless to be published, her attorney said Saturday. The lawsuit was filed Friday in Manhattan federal court.

The photos in question were taken by photographer Mark Seliger while he shot pictures for a spread in the October 2002 edition of GQ. One approved photo of her fully clothed was published along with a profile of the tennis player.

The topless pictures were published in the July/August 2004 issue of Medved magazine. Seliger had an unlisted telephone number and did not immediately respond to an e-mail for comment.



Myskina

## "The Boss" breaks political hearts

Minnesota's Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty said he's "heartbroken" that Bruce Springsteen plans to rock against President Bush.

Opening his weekly radio show Friday with "Born to Run," the 43-year-old Pawlenty called Springsteen one of his musical idols.

"I really appreciate his music, but I wish he wouldn't interject his music with politics," said Pawlenty, co-chairman of Bush's re-election campaign in the state. Springsteen and R.E.M. will perform Oct. 5 at St. Paul's Xcel Energy Center as part of a series of concerts being staged in nine swing states to oppose Bush's re-election.

The money generated will go to America Coming Together, a group dedicated to defeating Bush. "The shows will be presented by MoveOnPac, the electoral arm of the liberal interest group MoveOn.org."

## Cosby to help organize Mass. rally

Entertainer Bill Cosby plans to meet with community leaders in Springfield, Mass., and police later this month to help organize a rally against street violence.

Cosby, who has a home in rural Shelburne, about 50 miles northwest of Springfield, made his remarks following a ceremony Thursday at the Basketball Hall of Fame honoring 14 young women who overcame obstacles to graduate from high school and attend college.

Cosby, whose son, Ennis, was murdered in 1997 while changing a tire on a Los Angeles freeway, met after the ceremony with the family of Darnell and Daylan Sheppard, 19-year-old twins killed in separate Springfield shootings in May and July.

Cosby criticized authorities for not doing more to curb street violence, but the police chief said cutbacks have hurt the department short-staffed. Since May, the city of 160,000 has had nine murders. Arrests have been made in six of the slayings.

## Governor sheds weight, does 'People'

The newly trim Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is to be featured in next month's issue of People magazine, revealing the one thing he previously had refused to tell his weight.

The Aug. 16 magazine article includes a photo of Huckabee holding a pair of pants he wore when he was hefty. He tells the magazine he "ate too much and exercised too little, simple as that."

The governor said he always had problems with his weight. It wasn't until he was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes that he got serious about weight loss.

Huckabee will also appear Friday morning on CBS' "The Early Show" to tell his story.

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Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate star in Dreamworks Pictures' comedy "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy." Burgundy, Ferrell's character, is a shining example of the disingenuous stereotypes many people hold about TV news personalities.

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# umping down the news

## 'Anchorman' capitalizes on unflattering stereotypes of TV personalities

BY DOUGLAS J. ROWE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Will Ferrell's title character in "Anchorman," The Legend of Ron Burgundy, is faced with a serious female colleague for the first time. Diversity is the reason, he's told.

But he thinks diversity is the name of an old wooden ship from the Civil War.

A San Diego anchorman in the 1970s, Burgundy is the last in a line of Hollywood anchormen dating back to Ted Baxter of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" (1970-77) who by turns are pompous, vain, vacuous and living by the slogan: Sincerity — once you can fake that, the world is yours.

Since Baxter (the name of Burgundy's dog, by the way) we've seen Jim Dial of "Murphy Brown," Bill McNeal in "NewsRadio" and three cartoon favorites: Kent Brockman of "The Simpsons," Tom Tucker of "The Family Guy" and Morbo the alien in "Futurama."

"Saturday Night Live" has long lampooned anchormen on its "Weekend Update." And Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" has won a Peabody for its nightly sendup of newscasts.

The comic, unflattering characterization of anchormen recurs for several reasons, often to point-pop culture observers and media mavens: They're authority figures.

"Kind of like dais in sitcoms," laughed Jim Geisler, the first woman in the United States to become the news director of a major-market network affiliate.

"It's why very seldom principals of schools or deans of universities are presented in a good way," said Syracuse University's Robert Thompson, citing Dean Wormer in "Animal House" as a classic example.

Dave Tolchinsky, an associate professor of radio-TV-film at Northwestern University, thinks viewers are often wondering about the sincerity of the anchor's emotions on camera.

"The movie 'Broadcast News' made a big deal out of the fact that the William Hurt character should 'pretend' to cry," he recalled. "Now I think most people assume that an-

chorman are faking it — faking the emotion, faking the chatter and lively banter. ... He noted that Jim Carrey's "Bruce Almighty" echoes "Broadcast News" but with a slightly different spin: Ultimately, it's Bruce's refreshing honesty that sets him apart from the anchormen.

One of Tolchinsky's colleagues at Northwestern, Chuck Kleinhaus, suggested that women escape the same Hollywood rap as anchormen because it's generally assumed they had to work harder than a man to achieve the same level of success. Thus Christina Applegate's character in "Anchorman" is ambitious and capable.

As unvarying as the comic depictions of the men have been, you might think they're based on truth.

Well, they are — to some extent.

People in TV news admit they've known a Ron Burgundy, but they maintain that such types are anomalies who quickly disappear.

Ferrell, the film's co-screenwriter who consulted with at least five local anchormen across the country for his role, agreed.

"If anything, what we discovered was actually the opposite of what we depicted in the movie," he said.

"These guys ... were very educated, very smart guys who really took pride in what they did."

But there are a few who conform to the stereotype, as Phil Bremen, a telecommunications professor at Ball State University, can attest.

He worked in the 70s at a station where the producer liked to let the anchor lend his own special flair to the teasers right before a commercial break to entice viewers to stay tuned.

"Instead of scripting a tease, the producer would ask the anchor to rough out a few words himself," Bremen remembered.

"Showing the anchor where he needed to do this was a page that was blank except for the simple instruction, 'Tease more news.'"

"Sure enough, one night the anchor breezed right through that page on the air. In his most authoritative tones, he told the viewers: 'Tease more news.' Then, barely missing a beat after he realized what he had done, he authoritatively added, 'We'll have that story in a moment.'"

## Fictional flubs

A sampling of fictional anchormen says:

■ "In order for the bill to be passed, it has to be ratified by two-thirds of the 48 states ... looks off camera, sees a crewman holding up two fingers) ... Oh, two more, huh? Correction, that's four-thirds!" — Ted Baxter on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"

■ "I've said it before and I'll say it again. Democracy doesn't work. Now, over the years, a newsman learns a number of things that, for one reason or another, he just cannot report. It doesn't seem to matter now, so ... the following people are gay ..." — Kent Brockman of "The Simpsons"

■ "Because of an accident today at the Quabog cable company, all television transmission will be out for an undetermined amount of time. Of course, no one can see this news program, so it doesn't really matter what we say. I'm the Lord Jesus Christ. I think I'll go get drunk and beat up some midgets ..." — Tom Tucker of "The Family Guy"



# Horoscope

Mars makes a grand entrance into Virgo, where it will be transiting until late September. This is an extremely productive placement for the hotbedded planet. Planning and preparation will start to feel like less of an effort and more of an essential habit for a well-lived life. Why not zero in on the one thing that needs doing and just do it?

Joyce Jillson



**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 10).** This is a banner year for becoming who you've always wanted to be. Your sensitivity is enhanced through September, making you more able to spot where you are needed. This helps you discover an incredible niche for your talent. You make great money when business really takes off in November. Aries and Pisces are terrific romantic partners.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're in a practical mood and will be able to identify all drawbacks and shoot holes in your own plans. Instead of trying to combat the negativity, consider that it might be trying to tell you or teach you something.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your timing is right on. When you show up the action starts; you're late, nobody notices. Be careful not to let this good fortune make you soft. If you're on top of things, you can turn this lucky timing into a big career opportunity.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Navigate your friendships carefully, as there are treacherous social traps that are easy to fall into. Blurring out certain secrets is the temptation. Resist with all your might. Physically, you're at a high.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It feels like you've got a handful of questions and no answers in sight. Believe it or not, you're closer than ever to knocking down that barrier between you and what you want. All the resources you need are available.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Personality conflicts are featured, but this gives the day color and drama. Though some people make it difficult

for you to want to be nice to them, continue to devote yourself to the highest benefit for the group.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're not as motivated as usual, so you may need to trick yourself into action by providing incentives along the way. Your mind is like a muscle — it can get tired doing the same task for hours on end. Take mental breaks.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You may find yourself in the grip of a dizzying infatuation. Listen to Diddy's hit song "Don't Leave Home" and resolve not to let your love weaken you or keep you small — that's not what relationships should be about.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You don't have to like everybody. A man who professes to like everybody is most likely a man who cares for nobody in particular. Besides, would you rather be adored by many or loved by a couple of real friends?

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You're much more high maintenance than usual, which could put you in an uncomfortable position. Don't be too shy or embarrassed to ask for what you need exactly. Others will love to help you out.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll find yourself in a privileged position this morning. A puzzling work situation arises. You could question the people you've been loyal to and also the ones who have been loyal to you. Whom can you trust?

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The Greeks believed that charisma was a gift of the Gods, but like all divine gifts, it has its cost. The "cost" you could pay today has to do with attracting someone's income. Of course, eccentric people are always drawn to you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You're surrounded by interesting people. You not only want to be noticed, but you want to be remembered by this group. This causes you to perform in an extraordinary way. In romance, your need for freedom is emphasized.

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## Peanuts



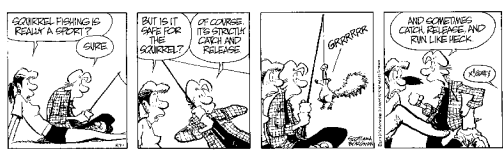
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## Jump Start



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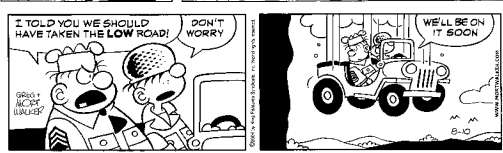
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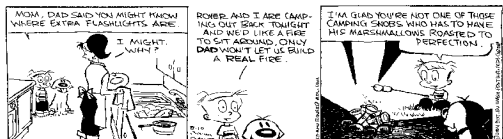
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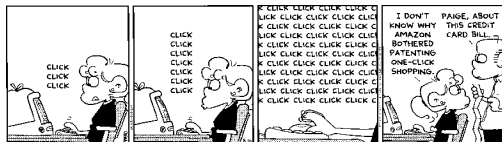


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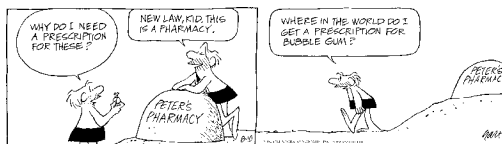




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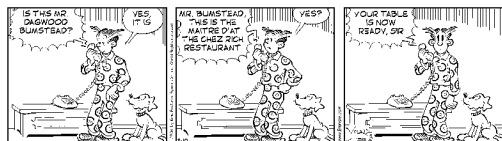
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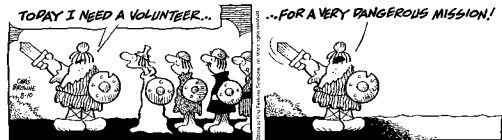
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 12 Gator's cousin
- 13 State with authority
- 14 Praiseworthy
- 15 Base-runner's goal
- 17 Mal de —
- 18 Exemplar of craziness
- 19 Night vision?
- 21 Rodeo rider's interjection
- 24 Official decree
- 25 "— rhythm"
- 26 Ghostly
- 30 Muppet eagle
- 31 Damp
- 32 "Born in the —"
- 33 Get set
- 35 Goliath part
- 36 Lee or Wayne
- 37 Betty Ford Center goings-on
- 38 Hospital sections
- 40 Palmist
- 42 Singer DiFranco
- 43 Family movie
- 48 Fawn's mom
- 49 MP's quarry
- 50 Atmosphere
- 51 Em halves
- 52 Staying power
- 53 Rowboat woe

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- 28 On the briny
- 29 Easter entree
- 31 Sheriff
- 34 Legume holder
- 35 Soap opera, e.g.
- 37 Gun the engine
- 38 Test the waters
- 39 Unsigned, in "Bartlett's"
- 40 Eye irritant
- 41 Cingers
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- 45 Soon to arrive
- 46 Historic period
- 47 Erstwhile acorn

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TO GET AMPLE NUTRITION, I'D SAY A TYPICAL GHOST MUST EAT THREE SCARE MEALS A DAY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals D

# Keep an eye on those who accuse

**Dear Abby:** "Innocent and Faithful in L.A." told you that she has been in a long-distance relationship with her boyfriend. Although she has been completely devoted to him for two years, he continues to accuse her of seeing other men because he has a "gut feeling" about it.

You advised her to keep the relationship long-distance or end it. Oh, how I wish someone had given me that advice before I married my husband.

I felt that if we were married, he would finally be secure and not accuse me of seeing other men. After our wedding, it got worse. It got so bad I would cross the street to avoid speaking to a former classmate; I couldn't even go into the grocery store without him.

After 25 years of marriage, and his having at least two af-

fairs, he finally left me for another woman.

— **Sympathetic in Harrisonburg, Va.**

**Dear Sympathetic:** It may take counseling to help you recover from 25 years in emotional prison, but I'm glad to know that you're finally free.

Read on:

**Dear Abby**



**Dear Abby:** Any time someone constantly accuses you of something (infidelity, lying, etc.) it is time to look into what THAT person may be doing. When we are constantly placed in the position of having to defend ourselves, we often don't take time to look into what the accuser may be doing. If "Innocent" were able to seriously look into his behavior, I'll bet she'd discover he's doing exactly what he's accusing her of.

— **Janie in Washington**

**Dear Janie:** You have insight. There's an old French saying that translates (roughly), "A man

doesn't look behind the bedroom door unless he has hidden there himself."

**Dear Abby:** "Innocent" should run as far from that guy as she can. I once had a boyfriend who claimed that I treated everyone—including my pets—better than I treated him. He tried to tell me not to talk to my friends or my children's father. I drew the line when he told me I had to let his abusive cousin come to my apartment to visit.

When I told him to pack his things and get out, he hit me. It only happened once, because I stood up to him. I filed charges and he went to jail. That's when I found out that I wasn't the first. He had been arrested six times for abuse.

— **Standing Tall in Dayton, Ohio**  
**Dear Standing Tall:** You're lucky that you drew the line where you did.

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer suggested by the above cartoon.

**Answer here: THE**

Jumbles: BLANK FLOUT SYLUS BOYISH  
Answer: What the bartender offered the achy, feverish customer — A FLU "SHOT"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Henri Arnold and Mike Angilion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

# Widower's dating a way of grieving

**Dear Annie:** Last year, my mother died. A woman who works at the mortuary (I'll call her "Lydia") helped us acquire a burial plot and also arranged for my father to purchase the plot next to Mom. Within a month of my mother's passing, Lydia and Dad began dating.

I'm not going to waste time telling you my thoughts of this disgusting situation. I just want to know, would it be wrong to ask my father to sell me the plot next to Mom? I don't think he deserves to be buried there.

**Dear Hawaii:** If your father marries Lydia, you can ask him to sell you the plot. Otherwise, please give him some time to get over the loss of your mother. We know it doesn't seem as if he is grieving, but it is not uncommon for widowers to begin dating soon after their wives die. They are lonely and bereft, and easy pickings for any woman who takes the time to console them.

**Annie's Mailbox**



Instead of being angry with Dad, try to be understanding. Get grief counseling, and suggest he do the same.

**Dear Annie:** I read in the newspaper that a blind great-horned owl was found near death from starvation. A team of veterinarians

implanted contacts, thus saving the owl's vision so that it could hunt. Years ago, I read a story about a tarantula with a life-threatening abscess on its abdomen. Veterinarians removed the abscess, even though this surgery could have killed the arachnid. A real tearjerker, right? People are quick to donate money to save animals that need medical care. I have a serious problem with this. We live in a country that can provide surgeries for animals but allows thousands of human patients to die for lack of money. While there are many generous doctors and

hospitals who donate their services, too many patients are faced with lowered quality of life because they cannot pay medical bills.

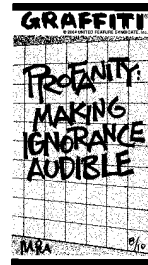
I say, leave the horned owl alone and use the donated money to save a human being.

**— Tracy in Nashville, Tenn.**  
**Dear Tracy:** Most people will reach into their pocketbooks if you can pull on their heart-strings, and for some, it's easier to feel sorry for a helpless animal than it is for, say, a transplant patient.

There are many generous doctors who donate their time and skills to treat the less fortunate, both animal and human. But we agree decent medical care in this country is beyond the means of those who don't have insurance—and too many people fall into that category.

Something needs to be done. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [annies-mailbox@comcast.net](mailto:annies-mailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

## Family Circus

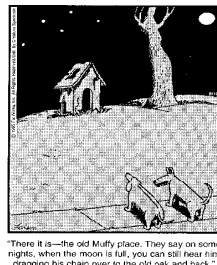


**Domis the Menace**



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**The Far Side**



**Non Sequitur**



# Gorilla uses sign language to call for dentist

BY BILEN MESFIN

The Associated Press

WOODSIDE, Calif. — When Koko the gorilla used the American Sign Language gesture for pain and pointed to her mouth, 12 specialists, including three dentists, sprang into action.

The result? Her first full medical examination in 20 years, an extracted tooth and a clean bill of health.

About a month ago, Koko, a 300-plus-pound ape who became famous for mastering more than 1,000 signs, began telling her handlers at the Gorilla Foundation in Woodside she was in pain. They quickly constructed a pain chart, offering Koko a scale from one to 10.

When Koko started pointing to nine or 10 too often, a dental appointment was made. And be-

cause anesthesia would be involved, her handlers used the opportunity to give Koko a head-to-toe exam.

"She's quite articulate," volunteer John Paul Slater said.

"She'll tell us how bad she's feeling, how bad the pain is. It looked like it was time to do something."

Twelve specialists — a Stanford cardiologist, three anesthesiologists, three dentists, an ear and throat specialist, two veterinarians, a gastroenterologist and a gynecologist — volunteered to help.

"It's not often that we get to work on a celebrity," said Dr. David Liang, assistant professor of medicine at Stanford.

Probably, Koko is less demanding.

The team came to Koko on Sunday, bringing portable X-ray and

ultrasound machines. They set up shop at her "apartment," which looks like a remodeled box car, complete with a makeshift toilet, television, DVD player and a lot of toys.

After four hours of tests — including a colonoscopy, gynecological exam, dental work, X-rays, and ultrasounds — doctors pronounced her fit.

Koko, who celebrated her 33rd birthday July 4, was due for a checkup. While gorillas in captivity are known to live into their 50s, they are susceptible to heart disease and a thickening of the arteries.

Koko and Ndume, her partner of 11 years (he doesn't "speak"), have been trying unsuccessfully to have a baby, and the doctors thought the checkup could let them know whether she had any biological problems preventing it. She doesn't.



Koko, the 230-pound gorilla who converses in sign language, cuddles a kitten in 1985. Koko received a clean bill of health after a full medical examination on Saturday.

## Denver voters to decide future of visits by circus

BY CATHERINE TSAI

The Associated Press

DENVER — Fifteen-year-old Heather Herman, who wears leather and eats meat, is an unlikely animal rights activist. Yet largely due to her, Denver voters will decide this week whether to allow the circus to come to town.

Herman contends the animals aren't meant to travel the country cage in or train cars, performing for audiences on cue. Her push to petition for a law ensuring abuse-free circuses rather than just passing out leaflets took some supporters by surprise.

"I guess you get jaded when you get older," said Ashley Seard, formerly of Rocky Mountain Animal Defense and now with Denver for Cruelty-Free Circuses. "Her enthusiasm was contagious."



Heather Herman, 15, promotes an initiative to limit the use of exotic animals in circuses appearing in the city of Denver. The initiative is on the primary election ballot on Tuesday.

Herman, a high school sophomore, said she attended circuses as a child but recently became concerned about the treatment of animals.

She created a group, Youth Opposed to Animal Acts, started a petition and collected enough signatures to put the question on Tuesday's ballot.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus has been performing in Denver since 1919, and the city's Barnum neighborhood is named after circus founder P.T. Barnum, who bought 760 acres here in 1882 as a winter respite for his show.

The circus has found itself the repeated target of lawsuits and criticism from animal rights groups. The circus' parent company, Feld Entertainment, maintains Herman's initiative would strip the heart of its shows, and that notions of mistreatment of animals are misguided.

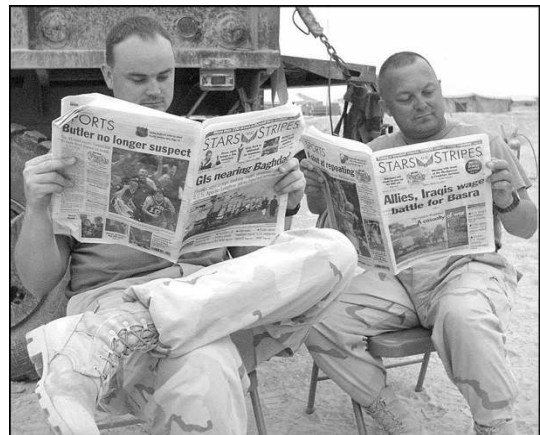
"We've certainly been a favorite target of the animal rights crowd," said Tom Albert, vice president of government relations for Feld.

Herman and about 30 to 50 volunteers have raised close to \$47,000 from the likes of the U.S. Humane Society and have earned an endorsement from wildlife biologist Jane Goodall.

Meanwhile, Feld Entertainment has donated \$175,000 to the Keep the Circus in Denver Committee to oppose her. The committee includes City Council members, the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and others.

"I had no idea it would be this controversial," Herman said from her mother's home, where campaign signs are stacked in the living room.

Herman's proposal would allow educational exhibits like the Denver Zoo and the National Western Stock Show, but stock show CEO Pat Grant still opposes the measure, saying the circus is wholesome family entertainment. He said that if the circus goes, the stock show will be next.



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# acking their final goal

## Athens Games mark last hurrah for five women who helped raise bar for soccer

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

An electronic sign at the national soccer training center near Los Angeles has been counting down the days until the start of the Olympics, a simple tool meant to excite and motivate the U.S. women's team.

For some of the team's greatest stars, though, the sign has become the proverbial clock about to strike midnight.

"Every once in a while you catch yourself thinking about it," team captain Julie Foudry said. "It counts down every day. You watch that go and you think: 'I've got two months left in my soccer career.'"

"I want to make the best of it." The Athens Games are essentially the last hurrah for several players who have defined virtually the entire history of the U.S. women's soccer program.

Mia Hamm, Joy Fawcett, Foudry and Kristine Lilly and Brandi Chastain — five players who debuted in the late 1980s for a team that didn't even exist before 1985 — are ending a journey that turned an obscure women's sport into a major social phenomenon.

"They've paved the road for everybody to follow them," coach April Heinrichs said. "Without Foudry, Hamm, Lilly, Fawcett, Chastain, it just wouldn't have happened this way."

The final mission for these veterans comes with a twist hardly befitting a farewell tour: In Greece, they'll have to avoid being beaten by the very monster they created.

The Americans popularized women's soccer in the 1990s and dominated it, winning two World Cups as well as the gold medal when the sport debuted at the 1996 Olympics. Only Norway and China were serious threats to a team that had won 94 percent of its games.

The rest of the world was suitably inspired. More countries put more resources into women's soccer and developed their own stars. In the new millennium,

they have closed the gap.

"So many of our followers now believe we should win even when we're sleepwalking," Heinrichs said. "And that's not the case anymore."

Norway won the gold in the 2000 Olympics, and Germany took the World Cup title on U.S. soil last year. Although the Americans have won smaller tournaments in between, they now have their first losing streak in the two world championship events that matter most.

"It's probably something that Tiger Woods has to go through," Hamm said. "We set our own standard. No one sets it for us. We want to win."

It's still true that no one can match the depth of the U.S. squad. The development of several young players through the now-suspended WUSA make this year's team perhaps even better than the one that won the World Cup in 1999.

Looking for the next Mia Hamm? How about Abby Wambach, who has averaged nearly a goal per game in 2004 — and is determined not to let her idols down in their final Olympics.

"It's just a burning flame inside of me and inside of everyone else on this team that none of us want to let these older women, these veterans, go out on that note," Wambach said.

"We want to send them off in the best way, in the way that most of them came in."

Germany, China and Sweden are again expected to vie with the Americans for podium places in Athens, but the tournament will likely be missing a revival of the great U.S.-Norway rivalry. The defending champions didn't qualify because Europe didn't hold a qualifying tournament, instead relying on the order of finish from the World Cup to determine which teams to send.

The structure of the Olympic tournament is just as peculiar. Ten teams are split unevenly into three groups, forcing the teams in one group — which includes the United States — to play an extra game. The Americans, leg weary from three games in seven days, will play a quarterfinal



The USA's Mia Hamm and China's Bi Yan collide in an exhibition soccer match on Aug. 1. Hamm, who helped build the U.S. soccer team into a world champion, will end her international career at the Athens Games.

match against a team that has had much more rest.

"It is bizarre structuring," Heinrichs said. "They'll have five to six days off, when we'll be functioning with two to three. It's a big difference."

The structure of the men's event is more straightforward — four groups of four in a 16-team field — but the United States won't get a chance to build on its fourth-place finish in Sydney because it failed to qualify.

In fact, none of the top four men's teams from 2000 qualified for Athens, leaving 2001 under-20 champion Argentina as the probable favorite in a tournament that's notoriously hard to handicap because teams are limited to players under 23 years old — with three exemptions.

The farewell theme for the U.S. women's veterans has a bit of a familiar ring. Many people thought Sydney would be the final call for Foudry, Chastain, Hamm and Co. Heinrichs at the time called it the end of an era, saying it was like having Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan all on the same team for 10 years — and knowing it would never happen again.

Four years later, they are still going strong but finally ready to say goodbye. Hamm, Fawcett and Foudry say this is definitely their last major international competition, although they might play another year or so in the WUSA if the league is revived. Chastain and Lilly say they'll wait until after the Olympics to decide their futures, but Chastain will be 39 and Lilly 36 by the next World Cup.

"Sydney would have been a goodbye, but then we had the league starting, and so we all wanted to help build that," Foudry said. "But I'm not crying wolf this time. This will be it."

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Soccer — or football in most countries — is a mainstay of the Olympics. The U.S. men's team has never finished in a medal round, but the women's team has dominated the competition since women's football entered the Games in 1996. Sixteen men's teams and 10 women's teams will compete.



**Match** — Two 45-minute halves, no time-outs; In a tie, up to two extra 15-minute periods are played before a penalty kick shoot-out.

**One the field** — Eleven players per team (one goalkeeper and 10 fielders); Men are restricted to players under 23 years old, with an exception of three older players per squad. The women have a minimum age of 16.

### Substitutions

Each team is allowed two substitutions for players, and one for the goalkeeper. Once a player has been substituted for, he or she cannot return.

### Gold medalist — Men

1908 Great Britain  
1912 Great Britain  
1920 Belgium  
1924 Uruguay  
1928 Uruguay  
1936 Italy

### 1948 Sweden

1952 Hungary  
1956 USSR  
1960 Yugoslavia  
1964 Hungary  
1968 Hungary  
1972 Poland

### 1976 East Germany

1980 Czechoslovakia  
1984 France  
1988 USSR  
1992 Spain  
1996 Nigeria  
2000 Cameroon

### Women 1996 United States 2000 Norway

### Cold War Olympic Games

From 1952 to 1980, only teams from Communist countries were allowed to have professional players; other countries used only amateur players.

SOURCES: International Olympic Committee; FIFA; "The Complete Book of Summer Olympics," David Wallchinsky; "Sports: The Complete Visual Reference," François Fortin

Catherine New, Chris Kasper • AP

# Ramstein's victory is no close shave

## Johnson's 2 homers set tone vs. Belgium

BY RUSTY BRYAN  
Stars and Stripes

KUTNO, Poland — Ramstein's "Mr. August" left his mark on Little League Baseball's Transatlantic Regional tournament Monday. Johnson, a 12-year-old pitcher and first baseman with the body type of a right-handed Babe Ruth, clubbed three-run home runs in each of his first two at-bats to power Ramstein to a 10-0 run-rule victory over Belgium.

Johnson also hit a three-run homer in his last at-bat on Sunday, giving him three consecutive three-run shots.

"I think the second one was a hanging curve ball," Johnson said of Monday's blasts, while rubbing up one of the very balls he hit out. "The first one was a fast ball."

Officials in Kutno retrieve every home run ball and present it to the batter. Monday's pair upped Johnson's total to four after four games of this tournament, and 17 for his 23 games this season.

"The umpires get the ball and put your name on it," said Johnson. "They also put on there how many were on base."

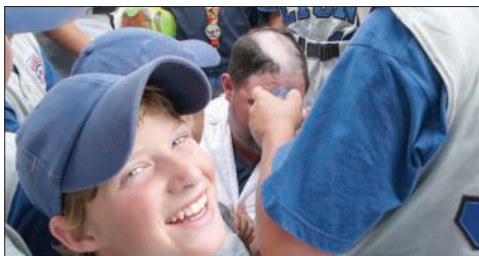
Johnson smoked a run-scoring double down the left-field line in his final at-bat Monday. It gave him 10 RBIs in his last four trips to the plate in the round-robin event that determines which team of 11-to-12-year-old expatriates residing in Europe, the Middle East and Africa advances to the Little League World Series Aug. 20-29 in Williamsport, Pa.

Ramstein (3-1) is tied for second place with England champion London.

With Ramstein starter Augustin Ortiz pitching no-hit ball for the first three innings, Germany's second coach gave the champs from Johnson a commanding 6-0 lead on a fifth straight day of bright, breezy 80-degree sunshine at Little League's European headquarters.

Belgium pitcher Sasha Treuvery attempted to intentionally walk Johnson in his final at-bat Monday, but coach Doug Rohm came out and instructed Treuvery to pitch to him. The result was a blistering shot down the line to the left-field fence.

Johnson also made a deft stab of a low line shot off Treuvery's bat to end the top of the fourth inning with his team up 7-0. Ramstein scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth



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Netherlands third baseman Sam Phillips clearly savors watching Tyler Broome, with clippers, shave the scalp of his coach and father, Andy Broome, on Monday at the Little League picnic pavilion at Kutno, Poland. The elder Broome and two other coaches agreed to let the players shave their heads if the team won its game Sunday against Naples. It did, 14-10.

to reach the game-ending 10-run margin. Ortiz, 12, who plays shortstop when he's not pitching, struck five of 10 batters and walked one. He struck out the side in the second.

"I was here last year," said Ortiz, who throws a fastball and curve. "Our team this year is much better."

Ramstein will meet England, also 3-1, on Tuesday. The top four teams in the round robin advance to Thursday's semifinals, with the winners vying for the tournament crown and a trip to Williamsport on Friday afternoon.

**Saudi Arabia 11, England 0:** England's three-game winning streak here foundered against a rock-solid Saudi Arabia team, which is bidding for a fifth straight trip to Williamsport.

Joel Reimer went the four-inning distance for Saudi Arabia, allowing just two hits and four base runners in the champions' fourth straight victory and third straight run-rule shutout in four innings.

Reimer also went 3-for-3 with two two-run homers as Saudi Arabia pushed its aggregate score here to 55-1. Craig Denker also clubbed a two-run homer off London starter Charlie Smith.

England was coming off a 5-4 victory over Belgium in Sunday's late game, which saw Lem Zeigler's solo homer to lead off the fourth give the Londoners a 5-2 lead. Belgium got a

two-run homer in the fifth from Treuvery and nearly tied it when the next batter fled out to the warning track in right.

**Spain 4, Netherlands 0:** Just before the game, Netherlands coaches Andy Broome, Marc Gratton and George Truini let their players administer basic-training-style skinhead haircuts to each as a reward for winning Sunday's game against Italy champion Naples.

Once the game started, however, Spain (2-3) did the trimming, ruining a masterful pitching performance by Netherlands starter Tyler Broome.

Broome matched shutout innings with Spain starter Paul Boerema for four innings, striking out eight and surrendering just one hit until Madrid broke through for three hits and four runs in the fifth.

Broome finished with 11 strikeouts.

For the second time in this tournament, diminutive Spain pitcher Paul Boerema posted a victory following an extra-inning loss. He went the six-inning distance, allowing three hits, singles to Grant Miller and Benoit Tremblay and a last-inning double to Shayne Rhyno. He fanned four and walked one.

The Netherlands (1-4), represented by an all-star team from Brunssum and Schinnen, plays Saudi Arabia on Tuesday. Italy (1-3) takes on Belgium in the day's other matchup.

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# Pampling lands first PGA win with eagle

The Associated Press

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — Rod Pampling made a 21-foot eagle putt from the fringe on the 17th hole to move past Alex Cejka and earn his first PGA Tour victory in The International on Sunday.

Pampling had scored just two points in the final round and trailed Cejka by three shots heading to the par-5 17th. After a long tee shot, Pampling landed his approach in the fringe just right of the flag. He

then curled in the putt, pumping his fist as it dropped to earn five points under the tournament's modified Stabford scoring system.

Pampling closed with a par to finish with 31 points, taking home the \$900,000 first-place check. Cejka, who trailed by a point at the start of the round, was hungry double bogeys on Nos. 8 and 16, losing six points on those two holes.

Chris DiMarco, tied for the lead after three rounds, made the turn with 24 points after bogeys on Nos. 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9. He tied for sixth and picked up valuable Ryder Cup points, moving from 19th in the standings to 15th.

**Mallon edges Stupples by one stroke in Farr Classic**

SYLVANIA, Ohio — Greg Mallon birdied three of the last four holes, including a 10-footer at the 18th, for a one-stroke victory over Karen Stupples and defending champion Se Ri Pak in the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic.

Mallon overcame a four-stroke deficit on the final six holes to move past Stupples, closing with a 3-under 68 for a 7-under 277 to win her third event of 13-year. She also won the U.S. Women's Open and Canadian Open last month.

Stupples and Pak narrowly missed birdie putts at the 18th that would have forced a playoff.

Stupples had a 2-over 73 and Pak closed with a 68 at Highland Meadows Golf Club.

**Kite ends 21-month drought**

BLAINE, Minn. — Tom Kite made three birdies over the final seven holes in a 3-under 69 for a one-stroke victory in the 3M Championship and his first Champions Tour victory in 21 months.

One week after losing the lead on the final four holes of the U.S. Senior Open, Kite moved ahead at No. 13 and secured the victory by rolling a 60-foot putt within two feet and tapping in for birdie at No. 18. He finished at 13-under 203, one stroke ahead of Craig Stadler, who missed a 15-foot eagle putt on the final hole at the TPC on the Twin Cities.

Stadler's caddy leader Tom Purtzer, Larry Nelson and Vicente Fernandez tied at 10 under.

# Another Masters title for Agassi

The Associated Press

MASON, Ohio — At an age where most of his contemporaries have retired from championship tennis, Andre Agassi is as good as ever.

"You can't get around the fact that the challenges are different at 34 than they are at 24," Agassi said. "It's uncharted territory for me every year now."

Agassi beat 10th-seeded Lleyton Hewitt 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 on Sunday to win the Cincinnati Masters, elevating his game as the week went on.

"Everybody has to choose their own road — what they're committed to, what's important to them, what their strengths are, their

weaknesses, their abilities," Agassi said.

"I mean, if I couldn't do it, then I would be left with a different choice. But the fact that I felt like I can, now it's a function of work ethic, and commitment and focus."

Clearly, Agassi can still play. He beat 21-year-old Andy Roddick in the semifinals, then wore down the 23-year-old Hewitt on Sunday.

"This certainly gives me a new life," Agassi said. "I came into this week with a lot of questions. So for me to end up winning was beyond what I could have expected."

He broke Hewitt's serve three times, after the Australian had been broken only once in five matches.

"I've really been doing a good

job this week of any time I get a chance to take the offense," Agassi said. "I've really been executing well, and that makes a big difference against the top guys. Because if you're not taking it to them, they're taking it to you."

The win was Agassi's first in 16 months. He hadn't reached an ATP Tour final since November in the Tennis Masters Cup. The first-place money — \$400,000 — almost doubled his earnings for the year.

**Mauresmo takes Montreal title**

MONTREAL — Amelie Mauresmo won the Rogers Cup for the second time Sunday, routing Elena Likhovtseva 6-1, 6-0 to end the seeded Russian's string of upsets.

Mauresmo, seeded second, combined power and precision in



Andre Agassi serves to Lleyton Hewitt in the championship match of the Cincinnati Masters Sunday.

the 51-minute match. She is projected to move up to a career-high No. 2 in the WTA Tour rankings. Likhovtseva reached the final largely by outlasting opponents with a tenacious baseline game, but that didn't work against Mauresmo in the hard-court final at Uniprix Stadium.

# Wakefield drilled into record book

## Knuckleballer is first in 72 years to win despite yielding six homers

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Tim Wakefield won a game and ended up in the record book.

He enjoyed one feat much more than the other.

Wakefield gave up six homers, tying a modern major league

record last matched 64 years ago, yet wound up with the victory when his Boston Red Sox out-

slugged the Detroit Tigers 11-9 on Sunday.

"I'm glad we won, but that's just because the offense scored more runs than I gave up," Wakefield said. "I'd rather just forget about the whole thing."

David Ortiz's three-run shot

capped a six-run fourth inning, and Kevin Youkilis homered twice to help the Red Sox overcome seven Detroit homers.

"I don't remember ever hitting two homers in pro ball," Youkilis said. "I'll remember this one, though."

Ivan Rodriguez and Eric Munson each connected twice for the Tigers on an unusual day at spacious Comerica Park. The teams combined for 10 homers, the most in the stadium's five-year history, and Detroit's seven were the most by one club.

Three flies to left would not have been homers before the stadium fences were brought in last year.

Wakefield (8-6) allowed two homers to Rodriguez and one each to Munson, Craig Monroe, Carlos Pena and Dmitri Young. Yet the knuckleballer left after five innings with a 10-7 lead.

"He didn't have his best stuff, but give him credit — he stayed out there for five innings," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "I've never seen the ball carry like it did today — it was just flying all over the place."

Wakefield is the sixth pitcher since 1900 to yield six homers, the first since George Carter of the Philadelphia Athletics against the Red Sox on Sept. 24, 1940.

The previous Red Sox record of five was shared by Dennis Eckersley (1979) and Wakefield (1996).

Brooklyn's Hollis Thurston was the last pitcher to give up six homers and win the game, beating the New York Giants at the Polo Grounds on Aug. 13, 1932.

Three Red Sox relievers finished, securing Wakefield's third straight victory. Keith Foulke pitched a perfect ninth for his 18th save in 23 chances.

**Yankees 8, Blue Jays 2:** Bern-



Baltimore's Miguel Tejada avoids Texas baserunner Gary Matthews to complete a double play during the fifth inning of Sunday's 11-5 victory.

ie Williams hit his 10th career grand slam, leading the home-standing Yankees to their fifth straight victory. Jon Lieber (8-7) allowed four hits and became the fourth consecutive New York starter to pitch eight innings.

**Orioles 11, Rangers 5:** Melvin Mora homered and drove in four runs to back a strong pitching performance by Sidney Ponson (7-12) and the host Orioles won their season-high sixth straight.

Baltimore roughed up Kenny Rogers (13-5) and defeated Texas for the eighth straight time over two seasons.

**Devil Rays 5, Mariners 1:** Rookie B.J. Upton hit a tiebreaking single in the bottom of the sixth for his first major league

RBI and Rob Bell (5-5) allowed one unearned run in seven innings. Jamie Moyer (6-9) fell to 0-6 in 10 starts since his last win on June 18.

**White Sox 3, Indians 2:** Timo Perez scored from first on Ben Davis' long single in the ninth to help the White Sox snap a four-game skid. Jose Contreras pitched eight innings and was in line for a victory in his home debut with Chicago before Victor Martinez homered off Damaso Marte in the ninth to tie it.

**Angels 6, Royals 4:** Jose Guillen tied the game with a homer in the ninth off Nate Field (2-3), and David Eckstein's suicide squeeze drove in the go-ahead run for visiting Anaheim.

"We have six or seven weeks left in the season and the team showed signs of not playing hard," Ricciardi said. "We have an obligation to try and do as well as we can. It wasn't an easy decision. It never is when you have to tell someone who does what he loves that it's being taken away from him."

"Carlos has been in the game a long time and he knows how it works."

Tosca was in trouble when the Blue Jays started the season in reverse and his fate was sealed by an expanding disabled list that robbed him of Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay, slugger Carlos Delgado and regulars Vernon Wells and Frank Catalanotto for long stretches.

Coming off six consecutive

# A's survive 18 innings for victory

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Oakland Athletics needed 11 innings to solve Minnesota's bullpen. At that, it was just enough.

Jermaine Dye's tiebreaking RBI single keyed a three-run 18th inning and Oakland withstood another shaky outing by closer Octavio Dotel to beat the Twins 6-5 Sunday.

"The way this game is, until the last out, anything can happen," Dye said.

It was the second-longest game in the 23-year history of the Metrodome. Cleveland and Minnesota played 22 innings on Aug. 31, 1993.

This one matched the longest game in the major leagues this season. Texas beat Seattle 9-7 in 18 innings on June 24.

After starting pitchers Mark Mulder and Carlos Silva each allowed three runs, the bullpen took over and kept it tied 3-3 until the 18th. Each team used seven pitchers in a game that lasted 4 hours, 57 minutes.

The A's broke through at last against Terry Mulholland (3-5), who was scheduled to start Tuesday at Seattle but had to be summoned in relief after the Twins exhausted all but one reliever. That was Juan Rincon, who had pitched three innings over the past two games.

"Terry took the ball," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "It probably wasn't fair, but we didn't have fair out there today."

Marco Scutaro hit a one-out single and went to third on Chavez's single. Dye then looped a single to center to put Oakland ahead. After Scott Hatteberg fielded out, Erubiel Durazo and Damian Miller each hit an RBI single, making it 6-3.

But it wasn't over. Dotel, who blew his last two save chances, gave up a two-run homer to Justin Morneau in the bottom of the 18th before finishing for his ninth save in 13 chances with Oakland.



New York's Alex Rodriguez is hit by a pitch in the first inning Sunday against the Toronto Blue Jays.



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BY HAL BOCK  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toronto General Manager J.P. Ricciardi had seen enough.

With the listless Blue Jays mired in last place in the AL East, Ricciardi fired manager Carlos Tosca on Sunday and promoted first-base coach John Gibbons to interim manager for the rest of the season.

"We may have been starting to melt it in a little bit," Ricciardi said.

Tosca was fired after the Blue Jays dropped their fifth straight game, an 8-2 loss to the New York Yankees. Toronto is 47-64, a season-high 17 games under .500 and 24½ games behind the first-place Yankees.

# Tosca pays price for Jays' bad year

third-place finishes in the AL East, the Blue Jays added Ted Lilly, Miguel Batista, Pat Hentgen and reliever Kerry Ligtenberg to the pitching staff in the off-season and needed to contend for a playoff spot.

Hentgen struggled mightily and has since retired. Ligtenberg, Justin Speier and the rest of bullpen failed time and again, and last season's powerful offense fell off dramatically.

"We had expectations of building off what we did last year," Ricciardi said. "We won 86 games last year and we had six weeks of spring training to get ready. We got off to a poor start. We were 8-18 and we dug a hole for ourselves. We never really recovered from that."

In just over two years, the Blue Jays compiled a 189-191 record under Tosca's stewardship.





# Dodgers lose Penny before falling to Phillies

## L.A. starter injures biceps early; Myers fans nine in eight innings

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Philadelphia's Brett Myers walked off the field feeling good about his latest outing. Los Angeles' Brad Penny jumped off the mound in pain.

Myers pitched two-hit ball for eight shutout innings and struck

out a season-high nine, leading the Phillies to a 4-1 road victory over the Dodgers on Sunday.

"Everything felt good coming out of my hand today, and I wasn't holding anything back," Myers said. "I was just trying to throw it as hard as I could on every pitch and I was locating my fastball pretty good."

In just his second outing for Los Angeles since he was acquired in a trade with Florida, Penny felt in the first inning with a strained right biceps. He was scheduled for an MRI on Monday.

"At first, I thought I might have a cramp or something," Penny said. "I felt it when I released the ball at full extension. I felt fine warming up before the game. Anytime something like that happens, it's frustrating. But at least it wasn't my elbow or shoulder."

The Dodgers are hoping Penny (9.9) won't be sidelined long. "His injury will be something really tough to swallow if it's something major," teammate Shawn Green said. "He's a key guy going down the wire and we need him at 100 percent."



Dodgers pitcher Brad Penny grimaces after throwing a pitch against the Phillies on Sunday.

Penny was hurt on his 14th pitch. Assistant trainer Matt Wilson came out of the dugout with manager Jim Tracy to check on Penny, who threw one warmup pitch and bounced off the mound writhing in pain before Wilson led him to the clubhouse.

"I've been told that there is no history of that with him — nothing that would even remotely suggest that there's been any trouble, as far as a biceps situation is concerned," Tracy said.

Myers (7-8) held the Dodgers hitless until the sixth. He allowed only four baserunners and combined with Tim Lincecum on a four-hitter.

Chase Utley hit a solo homer two batters before Penny left.

Bobby Abreu drove in his 80th run with a sacrifice fly, helping the Phillies conclude their longest road trip of the season with a 6-7



Cincinnati's Wily Mo Pena hits a two-run single against the Colorado Rockies in the first inning on Sunday. Pena drove in a career-high five runs before leaving in the sixth with cramps. The Reds won 14-7.

record after losing six of the first seven games. They took two of three against the Dodgers and won the season series 5-1.

**Giants 6, Cubs 3:** Rookie Noah Lowry had another impressive start and Dustin Mohr made a run-saving diving catch in the warning track dirt in the eighth inning in San Francisco.

Lowry (2-0) also added a second-inning single and a double in the fourth. He struck out six and walked one in 7 1/3 innings, allowing two earned runs on eight hits. New Giants closer Dustin Hermanson finished for his first save.

Chicago's Kerry Wood (6-5) worked six innings and failed to get a strikeout for the first time in 155 major league starts.

**Reds 14, Rockies 7:** Wily Mo Pena homered and had a career-high five RBIs in Denver before leaving in the sixth inning with cramps and dehydration.

Pena, who has 11 home runs

and 27 RBIs in his last 26 games, was 3-for-4 with two singles and his career-best 18th homer to help the Reds salvage the finale of the three-game series.

Felipe Lopez, D'Angelo Jimenez, Jason LaRue and Sean Casey drove in two runs each for the Reds, who set season highs with 14 runs and 16 hits.

The Reds pounded Jeff Fassero (2-8) for a career-high 11 runs and 11 hits in three-plus innings.

**Brewers 2, Marlins 0:** Chris Capuano pitched six shutout innings and visiting Milwaukee ended a five-game losing streak.

Bill Hall and Brady Clark had RBI singles for Milwaukee, which snapped its longest skid of the season with its fifth win in 20 games.

Capuano (6-6) allowed five hits and one walk before departing for a pinch hitter with a 2-0 lead. It was the first time in 15 starts that the rookie didn't give up a run.

Dontrelle Willis (8-8) allowed two runs in 7 1/3 innings with a career-high 10 strikeouts for the Cardinals, whose three-game winning streak ended.

**Cardinals 6, Mets 2:** Edgar Renteria tied his career high with five hits and St. Louis handed Al Leiter (8-4) his worst loss of the year, completing a three-game sweep of New York at Busch Stadium.

Jason Marquis (12-4) pitched six innings to win his ninth straight decision for the Cardinals, who have won 16 of 20 and improved their record to a major league-best 72-38.

Scott Rolen was 3-for-4 with an RBI and So Taguchi hit a two-run double for St. Louis, which had 12 hits.

Larry Walker started his first game for the Cardinals and was 1-for-3 with an opposite-field RBI double, a walk and two strikeouts.

**Expos 5, Astros 2:** Alex Gonzalez and Brian Schneider hit back-to-back homers, and Montreal beat Roger Clemens in Houston.

Clemens (12-4) allowed seven innings and went three runs — one earned — on eight hits. He struck out five and walked one, and had his first career two-hit game.

The game was tied 1-1 in the seventh when the Expos rallied against the All-Star Game starter.

The Expos took the series 2-1 from Houston and have won five of eight.

**Pirates 4, Padres 2:** Randall Simon hit a go-ahead solo homer in the sixth and Oliver Perez (7-6) pitched into the seventh inning against his former team, leading Pittsburgh to a victory in San Diego.

Humberto Cota also hit a solo homer for Pittsburgh, which won consecutive road games for the first time since ending a three-game road winning streak on July 5. The Pirates won for just the third time in 11 games overall.

**Brewers 11, Diamondbacks 4:** Chipper Jones homered and drove in four runs to lead visiting Atlanta to its fifth straight victory.

Russ Ortiz (13-6) got his 13th win and Eddie Perez went 4-for-5 with two homers for the streaking Braves, who have won 10 of 11 and 14 of 16 Atlanta, which is 14-9 since losing a season-high three straight games in late June, remained 5 1/2 games ahead of Philadelphia in the NL East.

The Diamondbacks have lost four straight and 41 of 50.

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## Rockies' Cook out for season with blood clots

The Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado Rockies pitcher Aaron Cook has blood clots in both lungs and will miss the rest of the season. Manager Clint Hurdle said the condition is not life threatening and the 25-year-old right-hander is being treated with blood thinners.

"It's a six-month process, which will shut him down for the rest of the season," Hurdle said. Cook left in the third inning of Saturday's home game because he felt lightheaded and dizzy. The game-time temperature was 78 degrees on an unusually humid day.

Cook was taken to Rose Medical Center for tests, which revealed the clots. Hurdle said Cook re-

mained in the hospital Sunday while doctors try to find the cause.

Cook (6-4) was 4-28 ERA in 16 starts. He had a complete-game victory over Arizona on Aug. 1.

"He did all his road work, his running work and it wasn't until 48 hours before his start that [he] experienced any type of dizziness and shortness of breath, which anybody that runs at high altitude can tell you that can happen and not given a second thought from time to time," Hurdle said.

"He did say that a couple of days prior to that he had a little dizziness and shortness of breath," Hurdle added. "He gave it no thought because it happened before."

Jeff Fassero will take Cook's next scheduled start on Friday in Pittsburgh.

# Boyrfriend of injured judo champ jumps off balcony

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The boyfriend of a Greek judo champion who fell from a third-floor balcony jumped from the same spot Monday and was also critically injured.

## Sports briefs

Giorgos Christosides, 24, got into life-support in the intensive care unit of Athens' Evangelismos hospital after jumping from his girlfriend's apartment, police said.

Eleni Ioannou, 20, was in critical condition at another Athens hospital after she fell from the balcony Saturday following an argument with Christosides.

Police are investigating how she fell. They had questioned Christosides but released him.

Ioannou, a student at the Athens Gym-

nastics Academy, was a promising Olympian in a sport that only recently gained popularity in Greece. With only four years of experience, she had won three national championships, and a bronze medal in 1992 in the Balkan championships.

## Georgia LB suspended for three games

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia linebacker Odell Thurman has been suspended for the first three games of the season for violating team rules.

Thurman will be allowed to practice, but will miss games against Georgia Southern, South Carolina and Marshall. The junior could return for the Oct. 2 game against LSU, a rematch of last year's Southeastern Conference championship game.

Thurman, who had 121 tackles last season, reported to Athens with the rest of his teammates on Saturday. Preseason practice begins Monday.

## Goosen, Price withdraw from PGA

HAVEN, Wis. — U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen and three-time major winner Nick Price withdrew Sunday from the PGA Championship because of injury and family obligations.

Goosen, No. 6 in the world ranking, was injured in a jet ski accident two weeks ago that also caused him to pull out of The International, although his managers expected him to be ready for Whistling Straits.

Price, who won the PGA Championship in 1992 at Belleair and in 1994 at South Hills, is skipping the final major for the second straight time. He skipped last year to spend an extra week of vacation with his children.

## Jones wins twice in Olympic tuneup

MUNICH, Germany — Marion Jones won twice Sunday in her first competition in more than three weeks, capturing the

long jump and running the second leg for a U.S. 400-meter relay team that had the best time in the world this year.

Jones helped lead the United States to victory in a meet against Germany and France. The meet was used by U.S. coaches mostly as a chance to practice relay before the Athens Games, which begin Friday.

## U.S. women's team routs France

SALAMANCA, Spain — Lisa Leslie scored 12 points and Sue Bird added 11, leading the U.S. women's Olympic team to a 68-38 victory over France on Sunday at the Spanish International Tournament.

The Americans, winners of the past two Olympic gold medals, rallied from an early 10-5 deficit and tied the game on a pair of free throws by Tina Thompson with 3:29 left in the first quarter.

Leslie hit a layup a minute later to give the Americans the lead for good.

# Tagliani notches first win

The Associated Press

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. — A lack of fans and money might plague Road America, but the fun never wavers.

Alex Tagliani finally finished first Sunday in what could be the last Champ Car stop at the famous four-mile circuit unless both sides reach a contract agreement for next year.

Tagliani, who crashed in practice Friday and didn't get to race in the first round of qualifying, passed Rodolfo Lavín four laps from the finish to secure his first career victory in 85 races.

"This race is what all the guys right here," Tagliani said, pointing to his crew celebrating 2-year-old Rocketsports Racing's first victory. "I made them work very hard."

After crashing Friday, Tagliani's team spent Saturday trying to fix a gearbox problem.

"The only problem-free day was Sunday," he said.

Tagliani had thought he'd get his first win here four years ago, when he was the leader with six laps left before a gearbox problem dropped him to 13th.

So, when he took the lead Sunday six laps from the end he got nervous, and when he saw the white flag he was a bundle of emotions.

"A lot of things went through my mind...a lot," said the 31-year-old Canadian who had finished second three times in his career, including at Elkhart Lake in 2002. "It was something that I was waiting for a long time. I was leading in Brazil, leading in Australia. I ran out of fuel. Leading here, in Montreal."

Tagliani started in the 13th spot. Points leader and pole-sitter Sebastian Bourdais finished third after an eventful day that included five yellow flags that resulted in the planned 52-lap race going just 45 laps because of an hour, 45-minute time limit. Tagliani's winning speed was 110.903 mph.



NASCAR Nextel Cup points leader Jimmie Johnson spins out during the Brickyard 400 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday. Johnson finished 36th, shrinking his series lead over Jeff Gordon to 97 points.

# Indy: Tire problems cut down field

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Maybe so. But on Sunday, Gordon was the class of the field and the most dominant driver Indy has seen in either race in quite some time.

He led 124 of the 161 laps and pulled out to cushy leads after several restarts. He was challenged on every late restart — including the final one that led to one extra lap because a late caution flag led to NASCAR's first implementation of its new green-white-checked flag that ensures racing at the end.

But runner-up Dale Jarrett and Elliott Sadler, his teammate, never really challenged Gordon and he pulled away from his fifth win of the season and the 69th of his NASCAR career.

There was a point when he thought his day was ruined.

He was racing out front on lap 142 when he hit a piece of debris on the track. It knocked a hole in Gordon's fender and damaged Matt Kenseth's car as well.

Kenseth, who was in second, forfeited the position to pit and have his tires changed out of fear they were damaged. They weren't, and it cost Kenseth the race.

"I ran over it and I thought we

were done," Gordon said. "I thought it got the right front and the fender. And I looked in my mirror and it looked like Matt had gotten it, too."

Gordon had no damage and went on to cross the finish line, yelling into his radio: "Let's go kiss those bricks, yeah."

It's part of NASCAR's tradition started in 1996 — the third year the race was held here — by two-time Brickyard winner Jarrett of the victorious driver and team kneeling and kissing the yard of bricks that mark the Indy finish line.

Gordon stopped his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet on the front straightaway, scrambled out of the car and hugged team owner Rick Hendrick, then stood staring for a long moment at what is left of the original brick track.

"That yard of bricks right there is so special and it feels so incredible to win this race," Gordon said. A rash of flat tires caused most of the crashes and caution flags throughout the day, and the final yellow came out because Ricky Rudd, Mark Martin and Dale Earnhardt Jr. were all running slowly and losing positions because of flats on the last two laps.

From Jason Leffler losing a tire

a few laps into the race, Robby Gordon's bursting apart when he was running in third, to the final one, at least a dozen cars had their day ruined by rubber.

"The left-front went flat," said Martin, who was racing for a top 10 finish before he lost his tire on the final lap and finished 25th. Evidently, there was some sort of a tire problem today. I know a number of people had that."

Earnhardt's crew was just as angry about their last-lap tire eruption.

Well on his way to a top 10 finish — a much-needed result after weeks of poor runs — Earnhardt ended up 27th.

"It's a hell of a heartbreak to have a tire cut down on the last lap," Earnhardt said.

Earnhardt ran a whole race for the first time since being burned in a sports car crash July 18. Junior said he is still in some pain from the burns to his legs, but was more upset about the flat tire that cost him dearly at the end.

Series leader Jimmie Johnson, coming off a victory at Pocono, had a miserable day and wound up failing to finish for only the third time this season. Johnson survived a spin after a flat tire but went out after just 88 laps with an engine failure and finished 36th.

## Brickyard 400

NASCAR Nextel Cup Series  
Sunday  
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Lap length: 1.5 miles

(Start position in parentheses)

1. (11) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 161, \$310,625
2. (17) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 161, \$223,367
3. (15) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 161, \$200,158
4. (12) Casey Mears, Dodge, 161, \$200,125
5. (24) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 161, \$247,275
6. (35) Greg Biffle, Ford, 161, \$188,175
7. (8) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 161, \$179,025
8. (2) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 161, \$208,175
9. (16) Bill Elliott, Dodge, 161, \$155,200
10. (15) Kurt Busch, Ford, 161, \$177,360
11. (12) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 161, \$174,050
12. (19) Jeff Burton, Ford, 161, \$172,342
13. (29) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 161, \$154,000
14. (14) Jeff Green, Dodge, 161, \$150,333
15. (33) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 161, \$150,333
16. (23) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 161, \$150,333
17. (4) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 161, \$150,333
18. (31) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 161, \$150,333
19. (33) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, 161, \$150,333
20. (26) Jimmy Waltrip, Chevrolet, 161, \$150,333
21. (38) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 161, \$150,333
22. (20) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 161, \$150,333
23. (26) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 161, \$150,333
24. (37) Ricky Craven, Chevrolet, 161, \$150,333
25. (16) Mark Martin, Ford, 161, \$150,333
26. (41) Casey Mears, Dodge, 161, \$150,333
27. (5) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 161, \$150,333
28. (40) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 160, accident
29. (6) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 158, accident
30. (30) Tony Raines, Dodge, 155, accident
31. (7) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 154, accident
32. (34) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 148, accident
33. (10) Sterling Marlin, Chevrolet, 116, accident
34. (22) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 99, accident
35. (30) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 95, accident
36. (36) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 88, accident
37. (27) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 72, accident
38. (21) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 72, accident
39. (2) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 72, accident
40. (46) Derrike Coon, Chevrolet, 55, vibration
41. (42) Todd Bodine, Ford, 16, vibration
42. (42) Scott Pruett, Dodge, 9, vibration
43. (25) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet, 3, accident

Time of race: 1 hour, 21 minutes, 56 seconds

Winner's average speed: 115.037 mph.

Lap leaders: None among six drivers.

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# Elway leads 2004 class into Hall of Fame

Sanders, Eller and Brown join elite company

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — Imagine John Elway and Barry Sanders in the same backfield.

They could.

On Sunday, they shared the same stage as two of the four inductees into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. They joined Carl Eller and Bob Brown in bringing the Hall's membership to 225.

The resourceful Elway and the slippery Sanders also thought about how much they could have done as teammates.

"Now you're trying to get me excited," said Sanders, who never won a championship — his biggest regret. "That's something that I've thought often about and wondered about. When you look at my 10 years, the teams that won Super Bowls usually had a dynamic, great quarterback like Joe Montana, Steve Young, Troy Aikman and, of course, John Elway."

"If I had John Elway, we would've won the Super Bowl every year I played."

Elway seconds the notion.



Barry Sanders, John Elway, Carl Eller, and Bob Brown, from left to right, pose with their busts after the four players were inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame Sunday in Canton, Ohio.

"I'll call him the best ever to play the game," Elway said. "You never knew if he was going to make your jaw drop with a 2-yard loss, or an 80-yard gain. Even though we played in the same league, I was one of his fans."

Many of the fans at the ceremony in Fawcett Stadium were decked out in Broncos orange or blue jerseys with the No. 7 on them. Elway surveyed them, heard the cheers, and offered a tribute.

"To all the Broncos fans out there, thank you for everything," said Elway, the first Bronco inducted. "And a final Mile High Salute is for every one of you out there."

He also saluted team owner Pat Bowlen and all of his former teammates.

"This one is for Pat and for every Broncos fan out there," Elway said. "For every guy who ever stepped on the field with me, I accept this honor today on be-

half of all of you. Thanks for protecting me, catching my passes, defending our goal line, sharing our highs and lows. And thanks for not losing confidence in me when I lined up for a snap as a rookie behind the left guard."

After guiding Denver to its second straight NFL title following the 1998 season — it was his fifth Super Bowl appearance — Elway had more victories (148) than any quarterback in history. He engineered 47 game-winning or tying drives in the fourth quarter or overtime. He threw for 51,407 yards, more than 30 miles, and 300 touchdowns.

Sanders was just as dominant on the ground as Elway was through the air. Using dekes and jukes that seemed to defy physics, he rushed for more than 1,000 yards in all 10 of his seasons with the Detroit Lions. Sanders had 76 100-yard rushing performances, 15,269 yards rushing overall and five 1,500-yard seasons.

But at 31, he walked away from the game in 1999, well within reach of Walter Payton's career rushing mark that Emmitt Smith now owns. On Sunday, Sanders became the third-youngest Hall of Fame inductee, behind Gale Sayers and Jim Brown.

"I do know I missed out on playing in a Super Bowl," Sanders said. "I'll always regret that, but I

do feel like I had a fulfilling career."

Introduced by his father, William, as "the third-best running back who ever lived," — behind Brown and, according to the senior Sanders, himself — Barry credited his dad for "the great lesson that allowed him to be a great player."

"He said 'Son play the game the way it is supposed to be played,'" Sanders recalled. "Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Go out and play the way you are capable of."

While both Elway and Sanders made a mockery of defenses throughout their record-setting careers, Brown was one of the premier blockers of his era. Eller was a star defensive end with the Purple People Eaters in Minnesota. Each had to wait more than two decades to get into the Hall.

"I wish I could have played with Bob Brown, and I am glad I didn't have to play against Carl Eller," Elway said.

Brown made five All-Pro teams and six Pro Bowls playing for the Eagles, Rams and Raiders. A ferocious run blocker and pass protector, Brown was nicknamed "Boomer" for his hits.

Eller retired in 1979 after 16 NFL seasons. A five-time All-Pro who played in six Pro Bowls and four Super Bowls, he made a habit of recovering fumbles, grabbing 23 in his career.



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## Indiana's favorite son

Brickyard win No. 4  
puts Gordon among  
all-time greats at  
his home speedway

BY JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jeff Gordon won on the fast-track to certain success at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

He was a young racer living in nearby Pittsboro, destined to move out of sprints and midgets and into the open-wheel cars that could take him to the Indianapolis 500.

Then his career took a detour, and Gordon made a switch to stock cars. NASCAR didn't race at Indy, and it appeared that the kid who grew up idolizing A.J. Foyt, Rick Mears and Al Unser Sr. would never get a chance on the storied track.

But The Yard of Bricks was opened to him in 1994 when Indy invited NASCAR to race in the Brickyard 400. Gordon won the inaugural race, and added titles in 1998 and 2001.

On Sunday, Gordon won another Brickyard 400 to join his three childhood heroes as the only four-time winners in Indianapolis history.

Foyt, Mears and Unser all did it in the Indy 500 and Gordon wouldn't dare place his accomplishment alongside of theirs.

"I don't compare myself to Rick Mears and A.J. Foyt, Al Unser," he said. "To me, the Indy 500 is something unique and totally different than the Brickyard 400. You know, I just will never allow those comparisons."

"I'm very proud to be a four-time winner, but I just will never allow those comparisons to really put us among equals with those Indy 500 winners."

In fact, Gordon revealed Sunday that as a child, he never dared to daydream he was one of them or wish he could someday race alongside of them.

"They were too far out there for me to even comprehend," he said. "To race at that level, and at the Speedway, that was just something I couldn't even comprehend."

Some will always place an asterisk next to Gordon's name in the Indy annals, insisting that the Brickyard is not nearly as important as the Indy 500. They will argue that stock cars are much easier to drive, that Gordon is not nearly the driver the other Indy greats are.









Jeff Gordon celebrates winning the Brickyard 400 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday. Gordon cut Jimmie Johnson's series points lead to 97 with his sixth victory of 2004.

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## Late wreck costs Newman

How the drivers battling for the final spots in NASCAR's Chase for the Cup fared this week: Ten drivers will qualify for the 10-race shootout, which begins Sept. 19:

↑	 <b>Bobby Labonte</b> Solidified his position in the top 10 with a 15th-place finish at Indy. He's 42 points ahead of Newman heading into this week's race at Watkins Glen.	↑	 <b>Kasey Kahne</b> Moved a point ahead of Mayfield with his fourth-place finish — his third straight in the top 10. Trails Newman by 31 points.
↑	 <b>Kevin Harvick</b> Took advantage of Newman's crash with an eighth-place finish and moved into ninth overall, 25 points up on Newman with five races to go.	↓	 <b>Jeremy Mayfield</b> His 11th-place finish — following three top-10s — edged him closer to the bubble, even though he fell a spot. He's just 32 points out of 10th place.
↓	 <b>Ryan Newman</b> His crash with Brian Vickers brought out the final caution of the race, and his 31st-place finish dropped him onto the 10th-place bubble.	↑	 <b>Dale Jarrett</b> Hard-charging veteran finished second and surged into 12th place, 55 points away from the bubble spot. There's still time to make a run at another title.



Jeff Gordon and his crew kiss the yard of bricks after their victory in Indianapolis.



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